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Season's Greetings



Best Wishes

To wish you
a Merry Christmas

NELSON OIL COMPANY
DISTRIBUTOR OF LEONARD PRODUCTS

Christmas Joy!

May your Christmas joy

go beyond all bounds

and may you reach

new heights

of happiness this season.

FOXIE'S SHEET METAL

Greetings
for Christmas



May the true spirit

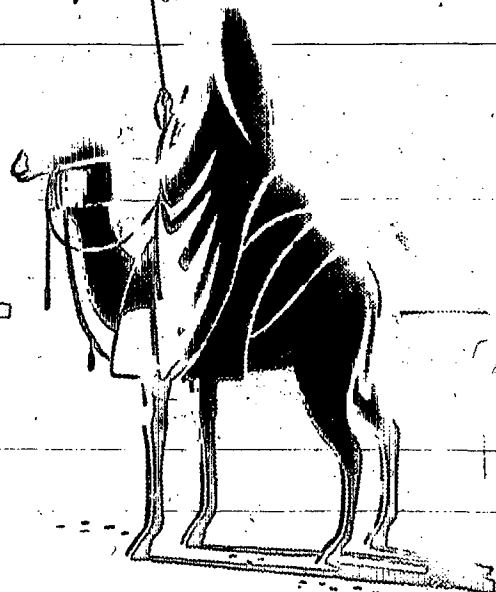
of Christmas

bring you

peace and happiness.

CORWIN AUTO SALES
INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS

Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes
for the
Holidays



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CHRISTMAS TIME OF JOY



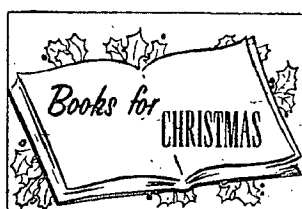
Christmas—a time of joy and peace, tree lights, tinsel, and snow—and time for renewal of that perennial cry, "Christmas is too commercial."

It's been said for years, and to a certain extent it has always been true. Many are too concerned with today's commercial world to have time for the observance of Christmas. Others are so busy buying presents, selling presents, and generally making Christmas an ordeal, that they, too, are unable to place the emphasis where it rightly belongs—on the religious and spiritual level.

Yes, there is much about Christmas that is commercial, or rather, that has been commercialized. Yet Christmas itself, and the spirit that belongs to the holiday, is always the same. As individuals, we each "make" our own Christmas within our hearts. Our feelings, our motivations and our outward actions, weigh these well and you will know what Christmas means to you.

How often is it also said that Christmas belongs to the children. If this be true, then the observance of Christmas would have been forgotten long ago. Tinsel and glitter, presents under the tree, stockings by the fireplace, this is the meaning of Christmas to the young in heart; but all these are merely adjunct to the true and significant meaning of Christmas; that on this day a child was born in Bethlehem and because of this birth mankind may hopefully strive for eternal salvation.

The true Christmas is not commercial, nor does it belong only to the young. Through faith, good will and charity do we enter into the proper observance of this great holiday and only the truly hard-boiled, the cynical, the greedy, and the disbelievers; only these, through their own lack of virtue, are not a part of the true celebrations of Christmas.



Ancients Believed Christmas Greenery Held Certain Powers

When you start buying presents to all the stockings belonging to younger children and relatives, don't overlook the versatility of books. Good books are a good buy, because they can be educational and appealing to children, and at the same time inexpensive to you.

In selecting children's books, be sure the subject matter is both accurate and interesting to the child and his particular age.

Story books for preschool children should be realistic, with colorful pictures and a simple narrative. Avoid fantastic stories and abstract pictures, because preschoolers haven't yet separated the real from the unreal.

Color books are better for older children than for preschool youngsters. Preschoolers cannot keep in side the lines and may become discouraged. The lines hamper their creativity. Give them instead blank pieces of paper to color.

Information books having large pictures, with details about each picture, are good for preschoolers, often giving them ideas for play.

Books are appropriate Christmas gifts, are helpful to children and are easy on the pocketbook.

The holly and mistletoe used today for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients.

The Druids were the first to use mistletoe, which they called "Heal-all." They believed the plant to have great curative powers and gradually assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

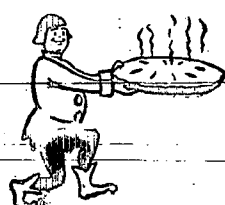
Each year, about the same time that we now celebrate Christmas, their priests would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees, which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments, the priests ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles, cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the plant became to be known as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over entrance doors so that those who entered would be assured of friendship.

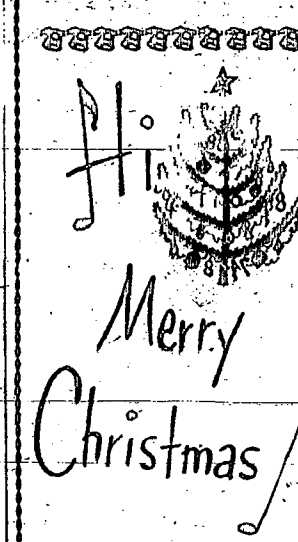
Today, America, holly and mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

MINCE PIES SO LONG A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS TRADITION, ORIGINALLY HAD A DEEP, SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE. THE FIRST



MINCE PIES WERE PATTERNED IN OBLONG SHAPE, AFTER THE MANGER IN WHICH CHRIST WAS BORN. THE CRUST REPRESENTED THE GOLD BROUGHT BY THE THREE WISE MEN, THE MANY SPICES, THE FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

Hot Christmas muffins may be made by adding cranberries to any good plain whole wheat or bran muffin recipe that you have. Use the raw berries, either ground or whole. Add about one cup of berries to two cups of flour.



Smuggin's
Diggin's

Simple Christmas Best for Children

Crowds of faces glowing with the Christmas spirit, Santa with his laughing eyes and hearty chuckle, gifts you can use and some you can't—that's a grownup's-eye-view of the holidays.

A forest of legs, a frustrating heap of things to touch and see and an endless journey of being pushed and pulled through a hot, noisy place—that's a child's-eye-view of the holidays.

If you give children a happier view of the holidays they'll give you a happier one too.

First of all, avoid crowds with your children. If they shop with you, it's best to take them immediately after a rest and not stay in town.

Preschool children often don't understand Santa Claus. Take them to see him if they want to go. Forcing them to sit on his lap often makes them cry and leaves unpleasant memories because they were frightened.

Children often receive so many gifts that they're confused, and can't decide which one to play with first. After they open the gifts, put some away for a rainy day. See which they'd like to save for later.

The holiday season will be a pleasant time for your children if you keep it simple.

As you store holiday foods in your freezer, you'll save time if you put them in the pans in which you're going to heat them.

To decorate a fruit cake, dip one side of candied fruit in syrup and press it into the top of the fruit cake.



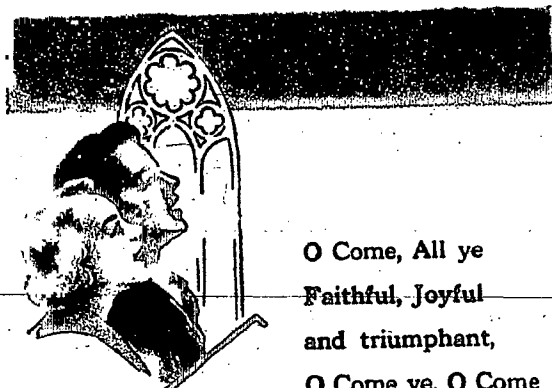
If you know what qualities to look for when you select your Christmas turkey, you'll be able to make a wiser choice.

The market class of turkeys is determined by age, sex, and tenderness of meat. The youngest turkeys are fryers and roasters and they run from 4 to 6 pounds in weight. The next class consists of young hens and young toms, turkeys under eight months of age. These vary in weight from 8 to 25 pounds. And finally there are the tom and hen turkeys, which include birds over eight months of age varying considerably in weight.

Most of the Christmas turkeys belong to the young hen or young tom classification. To be of top quality, a bird should have a well-developed moderately broad, and long breast, well fleshed through its entire length, the flesh carrying well up to the highest part of the breastbone so that the bone is not prominent. Also, the legs should be well covered with flesh.

Fat covering is one of the most important points in determining quality from the standpoint of excellence of flavor and tenderness. The carcass should be well covered with fat over the breast, back hips and pin bones. In poultry the fat is deposited in the skin and immediately under the skin rather than dispersed throughout the lean flesh as it is in some meats.

Select a bird that is free from pin feathers. Ready to cook or oven-ready turkeys have no protruding pin feathers.



O Come, All ye

Faithful, Joyful

and triumphant,

O Come ye, O Come

ye to Bethlehem:

for Christmas
to Each of our Friends

Ausable Souvenir Works
FREDERIC

Crawford County Aviancho
Thursday, December 20, 1956

Christmas
best wishes

GRAYLING GULF SERVICE



IS

THE

WISH

TO ALL

THE FOLKS

IN CRAWFORD

COUNTY FROM THE OFFICERS

AND DIRECTORS OF THE NEW

Crawford County

Chamber of Commerce

Eric Post, President

Herbert Wolff, Jr., Vice-President

Robert Hayes, Secretary-Manager

Dr. Ralph Hoffman, Treasurer

—Directors—

Olie Williamson

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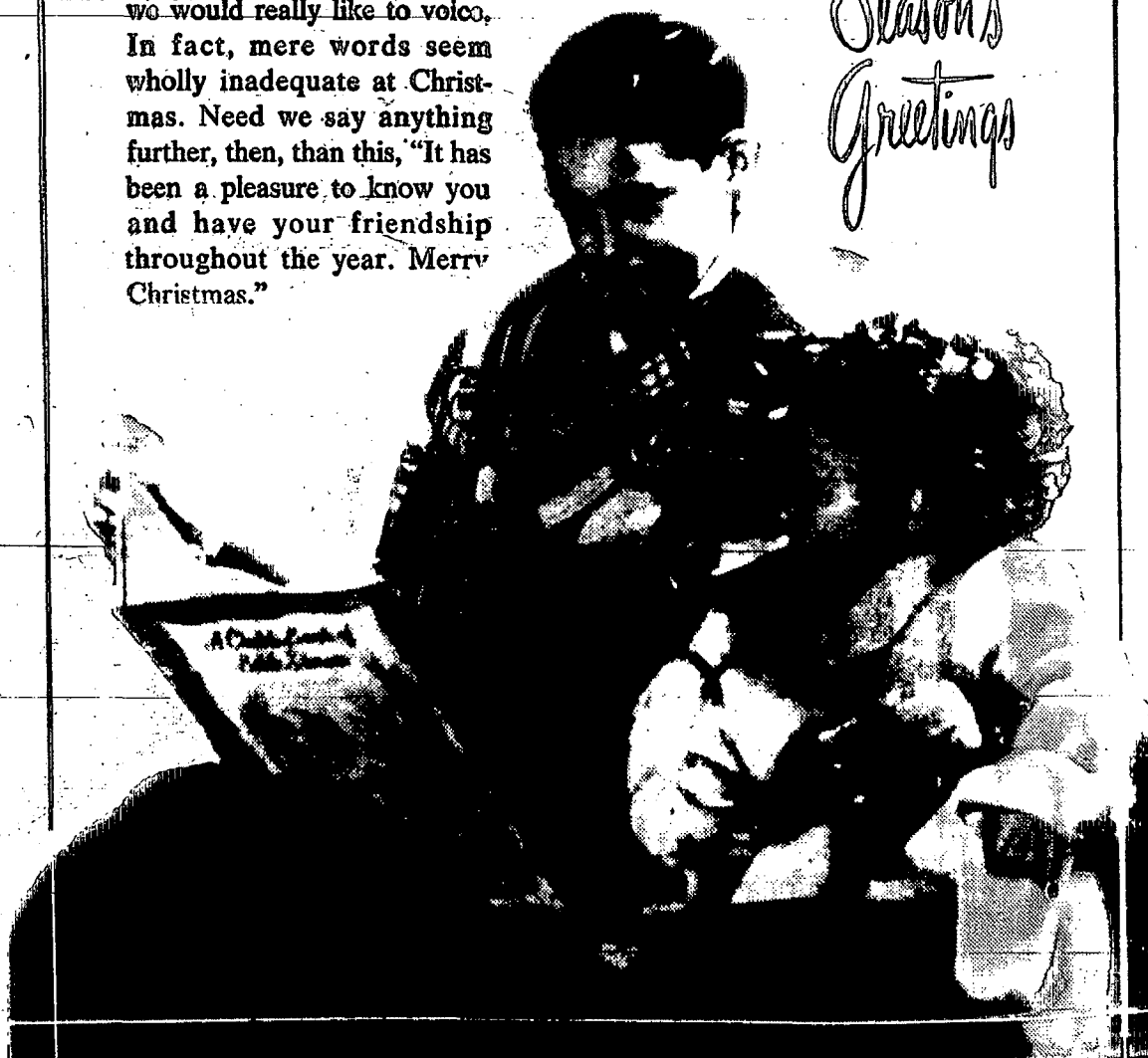
William Hines

Robert Strong

Frank Bond

It's never very easy to put on paper the myriad thoughts we would really like to voice. In fact, mere words seem wholly inadequate at Christmas. Need we say anything further, then, than this, "It has been a pleasure to know you and have your friendship throughout the year. Merry Christmas."

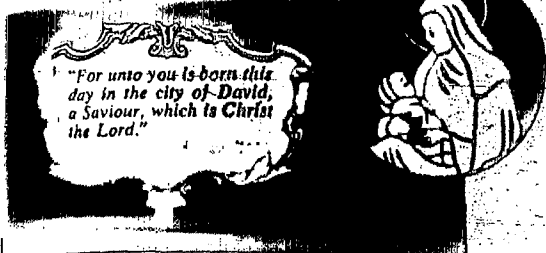
Season's
Greetings



Mac's Drug Store

"THE REXALL STORE"

MERRY CHRISTMAS



THANE HENDERSHOT
SUPPLY COMPANY

THE CHRISTMAS COACH

of by-gone days to now just
an old tradition... but still is
pictures best of all the old
fashioned good wishes and
Yuletide cheer we have for
you.

Greetings

HANSON'S CAFE

As Christmas
angels
softly sing
Throughout the
star-lit night
May they bring a bright
Christmas message



SORENSEN'S FUNERAL HOME



CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY... A glittering tree, dim figures
in the night, and the shadowy background of tall buildings—add
to these the glittering spangle of snow and then you'll know that
Christmas has come to the city.

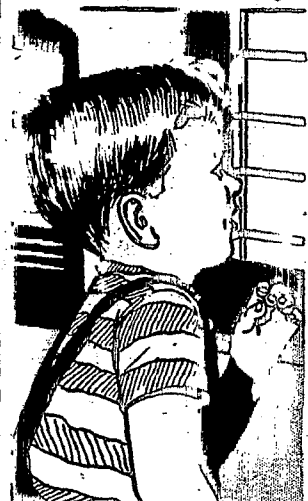


Official Poster of Fourth National Jamboree
Fifty thousand Boy Scouts, the largest gathering of boys in
Explorers, and leaders from all the Western Hemisphere.
Jamboree campers, all of them
at least twelve years old, hold-
ing Second Class rank or higher,
will share daily camp chores,
cook their own meals, take part
in displays, campfires, demon-
strations, intercamp visits, and
excursions to historic shrines in
and near Philadelphia.
Outstanding Americans will
take part in principal events.



By Shirley Gargent
WHEN I was a boy Christmas
couldn't come soon or often
enough. The longed-for day was
more exciting than my birthday.
Fourth of July and the last day of
school all put together. It was
magic. Sheer undiluted magic
compounded of hoarded pennies,
the scent of pine needles, locked
closets, mysterious winks, ompe-
tation and the unusually peaceful
household. This last because my
father and mother were doing—my
darndest to be good, as if to make
up in one month for all the sins of
the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its mean-
ing to me, now a roving bachelor.
In fact the great day came too
quickly, too often, and I would
work late to escape the carolers
and sleep even later so my empty
apartment wouldn't reproach me.
But now I have discovered the
magic of Christmas again. A
little boy gave it back to me along
with a rubby kiss or a hug. It



He looked at me sadly. "Don't
you know we live in an apart-
ment?" he asked.

Is Christmas Eve and I have been
home from Korea for two weeks
getting acquainted with Carol, the
wife I married five months before
I went overseas, and a rowdy two-
and-a-half-year-old named Butch.
He is my son, the child I had
never seen, and he is the boy that
gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly
on just what Butch should receive.
Butch had a long list of toys that
changed from day to day, but
when I had asked him what he
wanted most of all, he had just
looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in a
apartment?" he had asked.
So I told Carol, "I think Butch
is worried that there isn't a fire-
place for Santa to come down.
Say, do you think he's too young
for a football? Just a small one,
of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully,
traditionally—from the purchase
of the tree to the opening of
Christmas cards and the hiding of
presents from Butch. Until now.
Christmas Eve, I ran quickly to
Butch when I heard him sobbing.
His brown hair tousled, his baby-
plump cheeks stained red with
emotion, Butch was another boy
from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell
Daddy?"

"I want a dog more'n anything
an' I can't have it." I repeated
stupidly, holding his warm, sob-
wrecked body in my arms. "Why
not?"

Carol's hands were on my
shoulders, "Because we live in an
apartment."

Butch choked, "That mean old
man won't let me. He is too mean."

mommy."
Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen,
the owner. No dogs allowed."
"If I talked to him?" I appealed
to Carol. "If I explained..."
"No," Carol's face twisted, "he
made an exception to allow Butch
here."

Angor Strikes

To allow Butch. For an instant
anger blazed through me, then I
remembered, with an effort, that
Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy.

"Butch when we move I promise
you may have a dog," I explained
carefully.

"When are we gonna move?"
Children needed a time. He would
be three in May. "Before your
birthday," I promised, "now go to
sleep, son."

In the living room, I said, "I
could buy turtles and fish."
"It wouldn't be the same," Carol
said, "when you were little, don't
you remember..."

Yes, for I did. I remembered
the disappointments that weren't
swallowed up by other presents
but only by time and the gift of
love. My son has given me more
than I could give him no matter
where we lived. He has given me
not only the happiness but the
heartbreak of Christmas. I took
Carol's hand and drew her into
the magic of love that surrounded
us.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Tradition has it that Christmas
trees were first used in Germany
when Christian missionaries chop-
ped down trees worshiped by the
pagans and made a decorated tre-
part of the Christian celebration.
Earliest records of the use of
Christmas trees in the United
States indicate that German im-
migrants, who wanted to preserve
the type of Christmas they had in
Germany, were responsible for
popularizing the use of trees in
this country.



We wish you a regu-
lar old-time Christ-
mas, like that in
days of yore, when
thoughts inspired
actions that resulted
in the performance
of good deeds to
friends and acquaint-
ances.

Greetings

E. R. BURNS
HARDWARE
FURNITURE

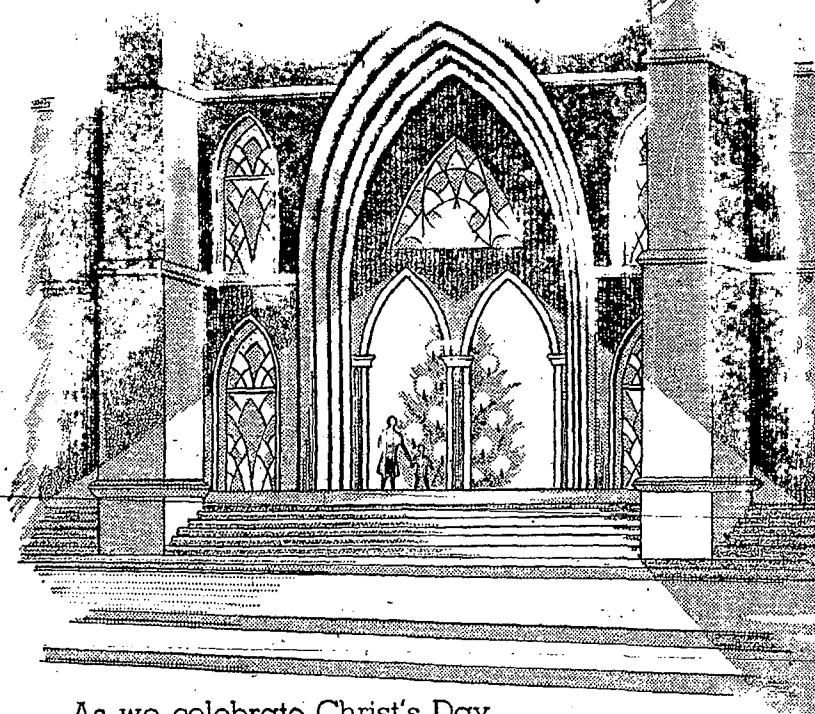
MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is our sincere hope that, through the
years ahead, a relationship
based on friendship, confidence, and mutual
respect, may grow stronger and
more enduring. Meantime, of course,
we wish you a joyous Christmas.



AU SABLE HOTEL
MRS. MARY SAJDAK, Prop.
FREDERIC

Merry Christmas



As we celebrate Christ's Day,
let us keep strong in our hearts a regard
for the feelings... the problems
of others and treat the stranger as a brother.
Such kind consideration
can start a reaction of love which can link
heart-to-heart, nation-to-nation
and make all of God's children brothers.
Merry Christmas to all.

JOHNSON OIL COMPANY
DISTRIBUTOR OF GOOD GULF PRODUCTS



Art Clough
REAL ESTATE

Exercise Care in Outdoor Decorations

If you light an outdoor tree, do it
with care and caution.
Spruce, fir and pines, when not
too large, are ideal for outdoor
Yuletide display, but hemlock,
yew, boxwood and aborvitae are a
little more sensitive to the heat of
Christmas lights and their needles
may be scorched if caution is not
used.

Outdoor lights should always be
placed so they do not touch nee-
des. Bulbs of 15 wattage are suf-
ficient. Use only weatherproof elec-
trical fixtures designed for outdoor
use. Check the position of the
lights each day and turn them on
only at bedtime. Be sure to turn
them out before retiring.

May the spirit of
CHRISTMAS bring you
Peace and Happiness



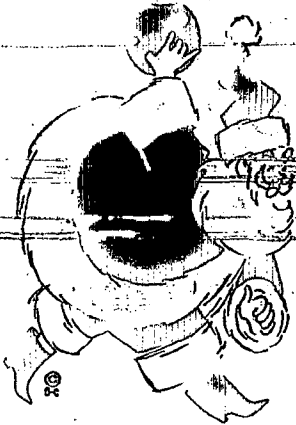
Among the blessings of the passing
year our most-valued one is the
friendship and good will of those we
serve.

It is a privilege at this happy sea-
son to express our appreciation and
to wish you a Merry Christmas.

LOZON'S STORE
FREDERIC

Merry Christmas
May your Christmas be as warm
as an old friend's greetings.
TOWN SERVICES
"SPEEDWAY 79"

CHURCH SERVICES
BEAVER CREEK CHURCH OF GOD
William Ryan, pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Church Services 11:00 A. M.
Sunday Eve. Services 6:30 P. M.
Youth Meeting, Tues. 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 P. M.
Beaver Creek Town Hall
Everyone Welcome



MAY THIS MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON BRING YOU A STOCKING FULL OF STRIKES AND ENOUGH SPARES TO COVER THE SPACE UNDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE. IS THE WISH OF

GRAYLING POST 106, American Legion

Operators of Grayling's Community Bowling Alleys.



Greetings One and All

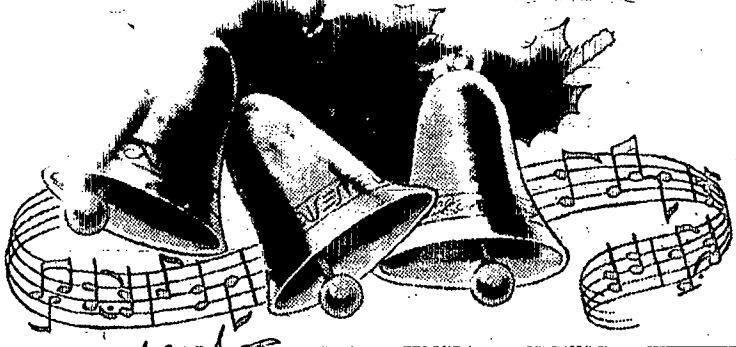
May the guiding Star
light your pathway through life,
and lead you to the
fulfillment of your hopes and dreams



F. A. Davis Jewelry-Gifts

*Greetings and best wishes
for the
Holiday Season*

KNIBBS SERVICE STATION



Greetings May happy Christmas bells ring out for you the best of the season's cheer and may the melody stay with you for many, many joyous days.

RASMUSSEN LUMBER CO.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Grayling, Phone 2691
Rev. Fr. Joseph Sakowski
Regular Schedule
Sunday Masses 8:30 - 10:30
Holydays 6:00 - 8:00
Weekdays 8:00
Special Schedule
Summer: First Sunday in July to first Sunday in September inclusive.
Sun. Masses 7:00, 8:30, 10 & 11
Holydays 6:00, 8:00, 9:00
Weekdays 7:30
Door Hunting Season
Sunday Masses 5:30, 8:30, 10:30
7:30 to 8:30
Confessions
Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00 and

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. R. C. Puffer
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Divine Worship 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship 6:30 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC
John L. Weld, Pastor
Sunday Bible School
11:00 Morning Worship
7:00 Training Union
8:00 Evening Service
Wednesday 8:00 Prayer and Bible Study

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Donald Healy
301 Shellenburg St.
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship 7:30 P. M.
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:30 P. M.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Corner Plum and Smith St.
Pastor Roy Newberry
Church School 10:00 A. M.
Preaching 11:00 A. M.
Mid-week service, Prayer 7:30 to 8:30.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH
Phone 2541
Worship Service 11 A. M.
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Phone 2541
Worship Service 10:30 A. M.
Sunday School 9:30 A. M.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
Opposite Mercy Hospital
Rev. Gordon H. Light, Pastor
on Station WHGR at 10:30 a. m.
Sunday and "This is the Life" on Dividing 11:15 A. M.
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Sponsor of the Lutheran Hour T. V.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Chestnut St. and US-27
Rev. Alvin Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Worship Service 11:00 a. m.
Youth Service 6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Young People's 8:00 p. m. Monday
Mid-Week Services
Prayer and Everybody's Bible Class, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.

LOVELLS CHAPEL
Rev. Clare Olin
10:30 A. M.—Sunday School
11:30 A. M.—Chapel Service

"ASSEMBLY OF GOD"
Rev. Robert Kolenda, Pastor
Sunday services are held in the Grayling Grange Hall, 304 Spruce St.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evangelistic Services 7:30 P. M.
Everyone welcome.

Christian Science Society Meeting
Bagley Twp. Hall, US-27 South of Gaylord. Church and Sunday school services at 11:00 A. M. Services 8:00 P. M., second Wednesday each month.

St. Andrews Episcopal Mission
Church School and Morning prayer 11:30 A. A. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Michigan.

Seventh-Day Adventist
Meet at Camp
Ausable, 10:00 A. M., Saturday

THE WORD NOEL IS FROM THE LATIN WORD "NATALIS," MEANING BIRTH. GRADUALLY IT HAS COME TO MEAN CHRIST'S BIRTH OR CHRISTMAS.



FROM THIS MEANING IT HAS COME TO MEAN THE MEANING OF "GOOD NEWS" OR "GLAD THINGS."

LET'S LIGHT THE Christmas Candles



As you light the Yule tapers at this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

H. G. JAHANNI GENERAL INSURANCE

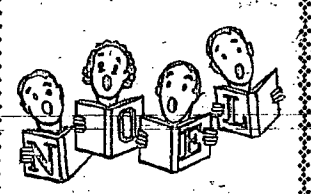
ON THE TOWN
BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

ANNA LEE OSEBERG faced three facts as she studied her reflection with critical blue eyes. She was 26, unmarried and it would presently be New Year's Eve. If only Ralph were here. The mirror in her rented room supplied further vital statistics—blond hair worn long, a firm, curving mouth and good bones. "And what," she questioned aloud, "do good bones have to do with fun and games on New Year's Eve?"



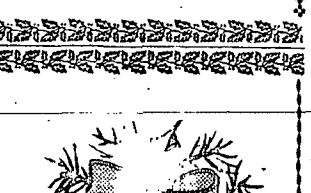
We like to feel that you have joined the group around our hearth at this season of good cheer. Merry Christmas, indeed!

Wm. Leng Plymouth Dodge Sales and Service Frederic



May the Peace and Joy of Christmas abide with you all

Grayling ELECTRIC AND HEATING



To wish you every happiness at Christmas time

LIZ'S BEAUTY SHOP

Year's Eve? The hall telephone shrilled and Anna Lee ran to answer. "Hello? Oh, yes, Joyce." "Look, Lee, I'm awfully sorry but I can't go to the show with you tonight," Joyce sounded uncomfortable. "I... uh... something else came up. I'm sorry." "Don't be," Anna Lee said. "My plans have changed too, so have fun and I'll see you at work." She hung up quickly not wanting her voice to give her away. It didn't take much imagination to figure what had come up for Joyce. A date and that was fine, only she wished that she had one too. She went back to her room and sank down on the bed. She knew she was pretty, knew too, now, that



she had been choosier about her dates. Through her early twenties, there had been plenty of men and the phone at home had rung constantly. She remembered how telephone calls had dwindled as the bachelor thinned out. Maybe she'd been too particular, but she wanted certain qualities in her men; thought maybe she'd found them in Ralph Cooke. But Ralph was a salesman—farm implements—and was gone for two weeks.

The telephone rang again. Could she baby sit? "I'm terribly sorry," Anna Lee didn't hesitate, "but it's New Year's Eve and you know what that means."

What did it mean? she wondered again in her room. Well, it certainly didn't mean she had to stay here. She dressed in an attractive jumper outfit and her good, long red coat. She would find a way to celebrate. And she tilted the voice that questioned what she was celebrating. Happy People After dinner in a small Italian place, she decided to take a walk down the main streets. At first she was glad, as the sidewalks seemed thronged with happy people. Then a little girl, looking at the same window display that Anna Lee was asked, "Where's your daddy?"

A well-dressed, middle-aged couple were admiring some jewelry. "We must go, Frank," the woman said, "it's late to be at home by midnight."

"Excuse me," the man brushed Anna Lee's arm. "Wait, haven't we met before?" Anna Lee felt herself growing tight. Really, in front of his wife! "Of course," the woman beamed suddenly, "we know you from your picture."

"My picture?" "Our son, Ralph, has your photograph and we've been wanting to meet you. How nice you are in person."

"Do come home with us. We're just ready to see the New Year in—or are you waiting for someone?" the man said. "No, I'm alone, but I wouldn't want to intrude."

Pleasant Feeling They fairly swept her off with them. It was their pleasure. They were Cookies. Come in, Anna Lee liked it and them and their home. They talked of Ralph, but not entirely.

Then it was twelve and a new day, a new year, a new chance. Mr. Cooke insisted on driving her home and invited her to Sunday dinner. Anna Lee went upstairs. She had set out because she couldn't bear a quiet evening and that was what she had found, but with good company. She sighed, then yawned hugely. What would Ralph think of this chance encounter? She found herself really caring what Ralph thought.

She was 26, unmarried and it was a brand new year. What would she be by next New Year's Eve? Anna Lee went to bed thoughtfully.

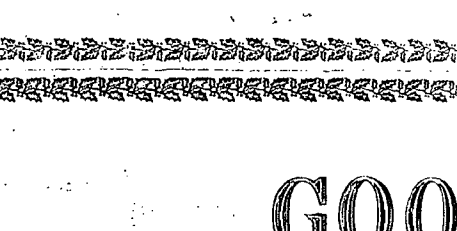
Merry Christmas!

Christmas is a delightful respite when we spend a joyful day in reviving old comradeships and enjoying new friendships.

So, in the friendly warmth of Christmas time we extend our wishes for good cheer at the Holiday Season and for happiness throughout the years to come.



HORSESHOE LAKE INN
On US-27 Between Grayling and Gaylord



GOOD WISHES

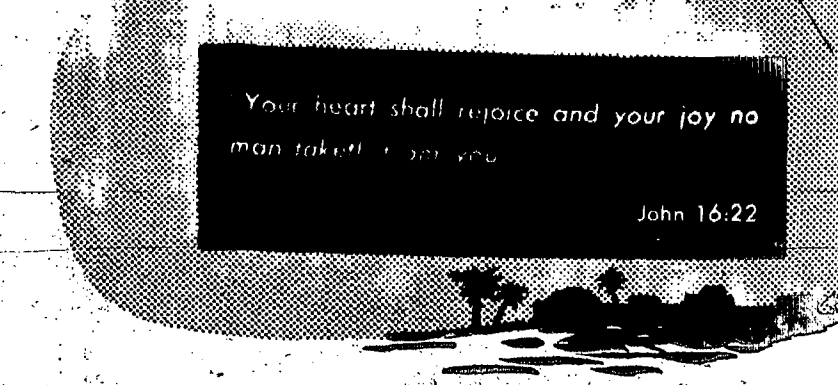


Because it's Christmas time we want to wish you health and happiness for Christmas Day, for the day after Christmas and through the year. For your fine patronage we are grateful.

MOSHIER Refrigeration.

513 Cedar St. Grayling Phone 27

A Christmas Wish



Your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you John 16:22

GRAYLING LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO.

May the peace and happiness
of the Yuletide be yours today.

Merry Christmas

CARL'S BEAUTY SHOP

Season's
Greetings



Though Christmas comes but once a year,
we wish that we could extend the gay
holiday spirit throughout all our years...
so that the feeling of friendship which has
characterized our associations through
recent months can be made even more
friendly... more cordial... more heartfelt
... than ever before. Good wishes to all.

OLSON'S



By J. Conrad Inselberger

NANCY Miller, aged ten, had twelve Christmas cards left when she reached the last house on the street. She decided to try her luck with Old Martin. She mounted the steps of the aging, deteriorating, red brick house and rang the bell. For a long moment she felt the urge to run, but the thought of the minister's surprise if she should sell the old man was too strong.

She waited there shaking and suddenly the door was opened.

"Well, What do you want?" The tall old man glared down at her.

"I'm Nancy Miller. I've got 'Come in. Come in. You'll freeze out the house.'"

Nancy's heart leaped. She was inside and that was something.

"I'm selling Christmas cards to help the church. Would you—"

Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before. Your father owns the garage. You pestered me last year and the year before. And now you're here again. What makes you think I'll buy your cards? I haven't before."

"No. But I thought maybe you'd change your mind. The other kids—"



Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before."

"The other children! Humph! Why don't they come here with their cards? They're afraid, eh? I'm Old Martin, the meanest man in town."

Nancy smiled up at him. "I don't think so."

"Well—, I'll buy the box of cards just to get rid of you. But mind you don't ever come again."

Memories

Nancy left and the old man stared at the door wondering if he had really bought the cards to get rid of her. Could it be that she, with shining eyes and long golden hair and warm smile, reminded him of another little girl much like her? She who had left her widower father bereaved for the

second time within a year?

Meanwhile, Nancy raced toward the minister's house with the great news.

Late that night in the red-brick house, the old man spread the cards on a table and glanced over the warm and happy greetings. In the right hand corner of each card he noticed a tiny red and white Santa Claus. "Sentimental rubbish," he snorted and replaced the cards in the envelopes.

The next morning he discovered that the ancient wall paper in the back-hall had loosened and a large strip was hanging. He could fix that, he decided, and realize some return for the dollar he had given Nancy. He spread glue over the faces of the cards and used them to patch the torn wall paper.

Christmas for Old Martin was to be no different than it had been for the past thirty years. He would receive no gifts and he would give none.

He was not alone, however. The past many years the memory of the little girl who had visited him the day before blended with the memory of the little girl of thirty years before. She too had looked forward to Christmas with all the excitement and wide-eyed wonder of childhood.

A light burned late in the old house.

Usual Holiday

Most everyone in town, except Old Martin, received a share of Christmas greetings. He got only one; that from a little girl. Eleven needy people received cards with no signature and each card was accompanied by a five dollar bill. The face of every card was rough as though something had been pasted to it and then removed.

Nancy received the twelfth card in care of her father's garage, and though she recognized it as of the style she had sold she couldn't recall to whom she had sold it. It contained a ten dollar bill.

Christmas Eve, an old man knelt and prayed for the first time in thirty years, but from the outside the old brick house looked the same as usual.

Holiday Candles Will
Brighten Household

The cheerful glow from a candle makes any Christmas occasion brighter and candles are inexpensive and fun to make.

Just heat the edges of four cakes of commercial paraffin with a warm iron, and form a block. Put a strong wick between the middle cakes before sticking them together.

For a frothy finish, melt paraffin with a colored wax crayon and whip it with an egg beater. Spread the foamy, colored paraffin on the square candle and then stick sequins and other bright ornaments on it.

To make round candles, fill small cans with melted paraffin. Drop in a weighted string wick when the paraffin is hard enough to hold it up.

Subscribe for the Avalanche



The same mistletoe which makes boys bold and girls blush at Christmastide had other meanings in other times.

Mistletoe, one story goes, once was a full grown tree. Then its timber was cut for the cross on which Christ was crucified. Since then, it has retrogressed to its present state as a parasite, a plant which grows on other trees.

Ancient Druids worshipped mistletoe because it grew on their sacred oak. At the end of every year a Druid priest would cut down the mistletoe with a golden sickle and not one twig was allowed to touch the earth. Later sprigs of mistletoe were often fastened over doorways to ward off evil spirits.

In Colonial days mistletoe was high and the lad who stole a kiss had to reach up and pull off one berry for every kiss. His kisses stopped when the berries were gone.

Our Christmas Replaced
Early Pagan Festivals

Long before the birth of Christ, the Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians were taking part in December festivals.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to say that pagan notions might be the forerunners of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

And, although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were first encouraged and popularized.



TOYS FOR REAL... Toys for 1936 are realistic as shown in this electric sports car and hobby-horse bike. Manufacturers this year are concentrating on toys that will appeal to the whole family.

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Thursday, December 20, 1936



May your Christmas joys keep in tune
With all the Season's cheer
And may the melody live on
Throughout the days to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Martin's Pure Oil Service

Christmas Time

MORE than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to a manger... the humble birthplace of Him who was to bring a new spirit into the World... the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between, that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind... calling us to church on this, our Savior's natal day... to lift our voices in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols... and lift our hearts anew with the courage and Hope of His message.

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County Clerk

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Register of Deeds

ARCHIE HOWSE
County Treasurer

JOHN A. PAPENDICK
Sheriff

WARD ELLISON
Prosecuting Attorney

BEULAH NEAFIE
Judge of Probate

Christmas
Greetings

May Christmas bring joy in highest degree
To you and to all whom you hold dear.
May your days be merry as a Christmas tree
And your home and family full of cheer.
All the warmest of wishes we send to you.
With a wish for a happy New Year, too.



With our Christmas greetings, we're sending you good wishes... for good friends, good times, good health and all good cheer.



THE GRAYLING AGENCY

John Braun Owner
Melvin E. Nelson Solicitor
Olga Nielsen Secretary

BARINGER'S MEN'S SHOP

"The North's Finest"

Dawson's

Season's Greetings

JIM'S SINGLARI SERVICE

A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS



The Birthday of Jesus Christ is again at hand. It is fitting that we take stock of our many blessings... that we express in words and deeds the rededication of our lives to Him and His Service.

So, in the love of Him who made possible our observance of Christmas Day, we wish you the joys and blessings of the season.

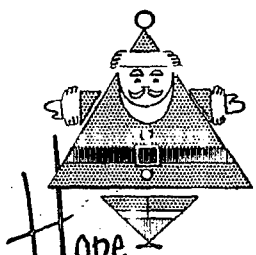
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MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Publisher



There are two thousand magazine publishing firms in the United States with a total volume of more than one and one-half billion dollars annually.



Hope
you have a
Merry
Christmas

Grayling
Radio & TV



Every year, from a few days before Christmas to the week following New Year's, tragedy stalks up and down the country—tragedy in the form of needless fires. It is indeed ironic that many of these fires result from the extra hazards which exist only during the holiday season and from carelessness which would not be tolerated any other time. Follow this list of do's and don'ts—and don't let it happen to you.

DO cut a growing tree, or if you buy, be sure it hasn't dried out from prolonged storage.

DON'T get a tree any larger than you need—the larger the tree, the greater the hazard.

DO stand the tree in water or snow outdoors until you're ready to use it indoors.

DON'T use candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree.

DO support the tree well, away from sources of heat (fireplaces, radiators, etc.).

DON'T plug too many cords into one outlet.

DO make certain that all tree lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.

DON'T allow smoking near the tree amidst decorations or piles of wrappings; have plenty of safe ashtrays around and use them.

DO use non-combustible material (metal, glass, asbestos, etc.) for decorating the home whenever possible.

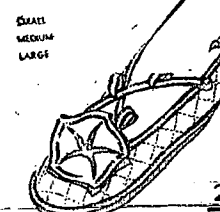
DON'T let Christmas wrappings accumulate in the home; place them in metal covered trash barrel or burn them in incinerator as soon as possible.

FATHER AND MOTHER IN OLD ENGLAND AND THE AMERICAN COLONIES DECORATED THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN SECRET ON CHRISTMAS



THE CHILDREN WERE SURPRISED ON CHRISTMAS MORNING BY THE GLOWING BEAMS THAT

THIS MAKES PATTERNS OF AUSTRIAN



Pattern No. 1520—Just the thing to have on hand for last-minute gifts. Tie-on or bib aprons like these illustrated—and each from just a yard or less.

No. 1520 in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 40. Size 14, bib apron, 1 yard of 35-inch; yoke tie-on, 1/2 yard, straight tie-on, 1/2 yard.

Needlework Pattern No. 256—For foot comfort make a pair of these pretty morning glory slip-pers. (Nice for gift-giving.) No. 256 has pattern pieces; sewing directions.

Send 35c for Aprons Pattern, 25c for each Needlework Pattern to AUDREY LANE, RUC, U. Dept. "NWNS," 37 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill.

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Merry Christmas

DON LEGG STANDARD SERVICE

a Christmas TREASURE



As you observe the Christmas season, it is our hope that it will bring the sacredness of God's love very near to you and yours. May it give that extra blessedness for you to treasure through the coming year.

GRAYLING FLOWER SHOP

Patrick and Esther Bryson

Phone 352

Like the shepherds and wise men of old who first caught a glimpse of that vision as they followed the

Star of Bethlehem,

may we, too, raise our eyes to its guiding light and carry its hope for Peace to reign on this earth.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Grayling State Savings Bank

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Season's Greetings



May all the joy and beauty
of that still, Holy night
Be with you and yours
Today, tomorrow and forever

McEvers Motor Sales

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Homemade Treats
Make Special Gifts

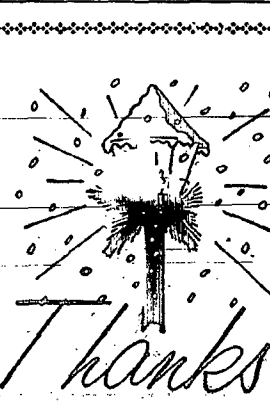
The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And good foods made in your kitchen add a traditional note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm and personal touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Many homemakers with a German heritage have treasured family recipes for beautiful marzipan candy or lebkuchen, pfeffernusse, and springerle cookies, for instance, that are perfect for sharing with friends at holiday time. Or, perhaps, your family has its own special recipe for famous English plum pudding. Spiced gin bread is undoubtedly a family favorite if you're of French descent.

But, whether it's cookies, candies, puddings, fruit cakes, or jellies, homemade food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

Make cream-puff shells and freeze them for use during the holiday rush. For good eating in a hurry, fill them with creamed meat, ice cream or custard.

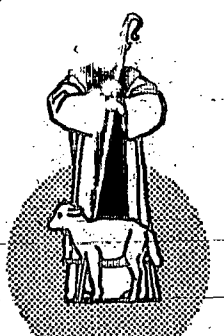
Monogrammed napkins, matches or coasters are good gift suggestions for that person on your shopping list that has everything.



When we say "Thank You" for past favors it comes straight from the heart—may you have a Merry Christmas.

CORNELL'S
INSURANCE
AGENCY
Bea and Willard

In this land of ours, we are stirred and inspired by the true meaning of this great, joyous festival of Christmas time. In its spiritual meaning it is the greatest of all occasions... and in the solemn spirit of the day we pray that all peace-loving humanity everywhere may join in devout and sincere adoration of the Child of Bethlehem.



Merry Christmas

BOGER BARBER SHOP



From All Of Us
To All Of You,

Here's A Whole
Candle Of Sincere
Good Wishes For
Your Happiness
At Christmas
And In The New
Year. We Wish
For You Good
Health And Good
Friends, Good
Fellowship And
Good Cheer

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And Cadillac
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

CALLAHAN'S
SUNOCO SERVICE



Greetings

Once more we pause to welcome
to our hearts this blessed season.
May it renew the great warmth
of reverent love
in the hearts of all men,
and may this Christmas day herald
the fulfillment of all our prayers
for joy and peace to all.
May your Holiday season be
filled with outstanding happiness.

CHARLES MOSHIER
PONTIAC SALES AND SERVICE



THIS WREATH OF STYROFOAM, greens, holly and gold-roping
hanging on your front door will be a welcome sign to any holiday
guest. Just put your imagination and your fingers to work, and
your door, too, can wear this "welcome" sign. M. S. U. Photo

Bethlehem Basilica Among Oldest Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem, constructed more than 1,820 years ago, is one of the oldest churches in Christendom.
As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.
It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity.

a
Happy
Holiday
Season

Our wish
for you and yours.
Jack Winklin
CONTRACTOR

Many After-Holiday Uses for Family Tree

There are a number of uses to which you can put your Christmas tree after it has served its purpose in the home.
You can cut off the longer branches and "plant" them as windbreaks to protect outdoor plantings such as low-growing boxwood, azalea, yew, rhododendron and juniper. Little teepees can be built around exposed shrubs and tender plants. This will protect them from biting, drying winds and prevent snow and ice from accumulating and bending the plants out of shape.

Other branches curved and up over flower beds when the ground is exposed will prevent heaving of soils during alternate freezing and thawing. Heaving may force bulbs and roots of perennials from the ground.

The entire tree may be used as a bird feeder in the back yard. It may be either anchored securely or fastened to a fence. Pieces of suet tied to its branches and a container of water nearby will provide a constant supply of food for your feathered friends.

Sending Cards Is Old Holiday Tradition

The custom of sending Christmas cards has grown so popular through the years that each year an average of one and one-half billion cards are mailed.
Some historians suggest that the idea of sending Christmas cards originated with school boys away from home, who wrote their letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing.

William Egley sent out a Christmas greeting on a fancy card in 1842 which showed his artistic and engraving talent. The card carried the message, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

In 1846, Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman, sent Christmas cards which depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and which carried the message "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

The cards brought fame and popularity to Henry Cole, but it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.



BOY, OH, BOY... If this isn't the biggest and brightest candle this youngster ever discovered, it will do until some future year when maturity will bring the deeper significance of this great holiday.

Merry
Christmas

At this season of good cheer we wish to express our sincere appreciation of the cordial relations existing between us and to extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas.



AU SABLE
Restaurant

Crawford County Avalanche
Thursday, December 20, 1951



Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is the holiday that belongs to everyone. It is for everyone, the sad and the happy, the sick and the infirm, the happy children and their more serious elders.

Yes, Christmas belongs to no one alone. Men of different nations and diversified beliefs always share a certain unity in the observance of this greatest of all holidays, Christmas, and the spirit that goes with it, belongs to us all.

Christmas is a time of excitement for the very young. It means good food, bright lights, an inviting pyramid of presents beneath a glittering tree.

Christmas is likewise a time of joy for those who are growing up. And for these Christmas begins to take on a deeper and more significant meaning with each holiday. Behind the laughter and festivities, the caroling and presents, there is borne the realization that there is yet greater joy in the holiday, though the glitter of Santa Claus becomes dimmer year by year.

For others, Christmas is a magic mirror of memories, a mirror that dissolves all the prejudice, hate and sorrow to which mankind is afflicted; a mirror that reflects only the kindness and goodness God wished for the world He created.

Christmas is all these things, and more. It is the shadow of a church steeple in the winter's snow; a pointed ray of light shining through a stained glass window; the crunch, crunch of heavy footsteps on crusted snow; and voices singing in the night.

Christmas is all things to all men; and to all men it is the shining symbol of man's continual hope for eternal salvation.

May all the Peace of Christmas

time abide forever in your

heart and give, through your

Faith in Him, a lasting joy.



Holiday
Greetings

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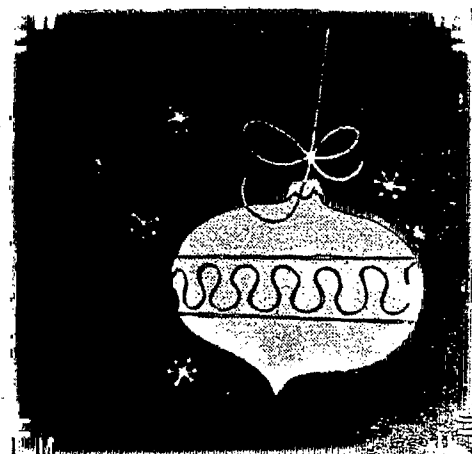
ARLENE HALSTEAD, Prop.

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!



We wish to express
to you our most sincere
appreciation for the
cordial relations with
you during the past
year and assure you of
our sincere desire for
their continuance by
wishing you a very
Merry Christmas.

AU SABLE SERVICE STATION
FLOYD COLE, Prop.



Thank You...

...is the most sincere expression we know
of to convey our appreciation for the friend-
ship, cooperation and excellent business
relationship which were so important to our
mutual benefit during the past year.

May we extend to you and yours a mes-
sage of good cheer and much happiness at
Christmas time.

HERLUF SORENSON

Sportsman's Headquarters

108 Michigan Ave.

Grayling

Greetings from our house...



Straight from our house to you comes this
message with hearty good wishes for a
Merry Christmas.

If we had the magic power of good old
St. Nick to be everywhere at the same
time, we could say it in person. But our
thoughts at least can come to you with
all the good things that go toward making
each Holiday Season one of happy
memories.



To your house



SPINE'S KEY O' NAILS

Season's Greetings

The Christmas story, as nar-
velous and as significant as
ever, brings us again to the
realization of our many bless-
ings. May you have your full
measure during the Christmas
season.



"And this shall be a
sign unto you, Ye
shall find the babe
wrapped in swad-
dling clothes, lying
in a manger"

Luke 2:12

Grayling Mercantile Company

*"Thy mercy, O Lord,
endureth forever."*

Psalm 138:8

Christmas Blessings

May the Saviour bless you
this holy Christmastide
and may His tender love
abide with you and yours

ERNEST HOESLI
STANDARD OIL AGENT

the
old, old
story of

CHRISTMAS

Christmas can and should be
more than just a day....

It should be a spirit as vital throughout the
year as on the Birthday of the Saviour.

For the Spirit of Christmas is the
Spirit of a love and faith which nothing can
dim. It is the spirit of the Golden Rule....

the essence of friendship.

For yours we are grateful and as the
Season is properly observed
we wish each of you a glorious Holiday.

MADSEN CASH LUMBER YARD
ON M-72, EAST **CLARE MADSEN, Owner**

How beautiful
is this occasion to remem-
ber the deeper significance
of Christmas... the won-
drous gift to all mankind
born among us as a Little
Child... the significance
of the inner peace and
security of those who have
found Christ in their
hearts.

Let us not forget the real
meaning of Christmas as
we enjoy the fellowship
of our loved ones and

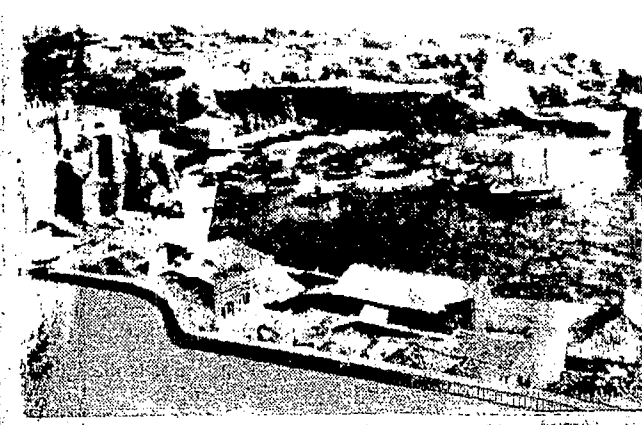
Hope you have the
Merriest Christmas
Ever!



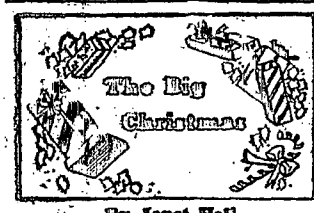
the pink lady



CHRISTMAS DISPLAY... Long noted for its pleasing Christmas
Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more
other displays in the world, presented this
greeting to the people of Chicago.



SANTA CLAUS LAND... You'd never convince the younger
set, but this photo shows the real Santa Claus land—Antalya in
Southern Turkey, capital of the province where St. Nicholas was
born, lived and became a legend 1600 years ago. Snow and rein-
deer are never seen in this lush land on the shores of the Eastern
Mediterranean where swimming on Christmas Day is common.



By Janet Hall

MARGE stood in the doorway of
her bedroom and looked at
the dress in dismay. Obviously it
was meant for the Junior Class
Snow Ball in January and just as
obviously it was expensive.

"Oh, why!" she exclaimed,
touching the fabric as if it were
something repulsive.

What's the matter with them,
Marge thought. Dad needs new
clothes and things for the house
and Mom always looks so poor and
worried.

Warily she changed her clothes.
The house was empty, for her
mother was baby sitting to earn
a little extra to help out.

Marge went downstairs and
looked at the Christmas tree and
the gifts displayed under it. She
felt embarrassed even though she
was alone in the room. Somehow
it was always rather mortifying to

show the gifts when friends and
relatives called. Her pile of gifts
was always so large and lavish
and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their
gifts to be important like hers,
not just little odds and ends to be
explained away with, "We try to
make a big Christmas for Marge."

She had saved nearly every penny
she had earned the previous



She found the dress box and
carefully folded the dress and
wrapped it for return.

summer so she could give her
father a new jacket and her moth-
er a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want
a lot for Christmas, but I didn't
do a very good job of it, she told
herself as she glanced at the twin
cashmere sweaters, the new skirt
and the other gifts. I wish I'd had
the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today,
she thought, running up the stairs.
She found the dress box and care-
fully folded the dress and wrapped
it for return.

For Better:

Her knees were shaky as she
wondered what she would say
when her mother saw the dress
wrapped with such finality. It's
for her own good, she told herself
firmly. In a week or two she'll
realize it's best.

When she heard the front door
open and close, she ran down-
stairs to meet her mother. "Hi,"
she said, quelling her feeling of
nervousness.

Her mother glanced at her anx-
iously. Her dark brown eyes darted
around the room, looking to
see if Marge had brought the dress
downstairs. Then the expectant

We trust that
you and your
loved ones will
share in every
Christmas pleas-
ure. A Merry
Holiday to all!

To wish you
every happiness
at Christmas

**WHARFF'S
DINNER BELL
INN**

look changed to a questioning one.
"Didn't you like the dress?"
The question was so humble, and
so blunt, Marge was startled.
"Yes, it's beautiful, but—"
"I know you'd like it. Have you
had it on yet?"
"No, I haven't."
"It will fit, I'm sure," her moth-
er's voice dwindled off. The bright-
ness in her face seemed to fade
all at once. "What's the matter?"
"It's so expensive. I wanted you
to get a coat for yourself."
"Oh, is that all. This old thing
will last quite a while. While I was
in the store I said to myself,
"There's nothing like my old ma-
roon coat. I didn't see anything
I liked better so what was the use
of buying a new one?" she
chirped.

Her Secret

Marge knew she'd never tell her
parents how she felt about their
gifts to her. She was used to ear-
ning money and I can pay them
back, but now I'll just take what
they offer, she decided. Feeling de-
feated.

"Your father's coming. Go put
on the dress and show him how
pretty you are," her mother said
excitedly.

When she came downstairs they
were waiting for her. Clutched in
her father's arms was a box which
she knew contained something for
her. In their eyes were love, pride,
and happiness mixed with a satis-
fied touch of martyrdom.

She had to swallow to keep her
face pretty and composed, for
what they really wanted most of
all was a pretty and popular
daughter. That was all they would
allow her to give.

The Printing Industry ranks
Eighth in value added by manu-
facturing among the nations top
twenty manufacturing industries
with a total of almost five billion
dollars.



TALKING TO SANTA... It's
an old, old story, that's new
every year for thousands of chil-
dren, this visiting Santa in the
big department store to talk
about what's to be in the Christ-
mas stocking. Most always,
there's a proud parent standing
nearby to do a little prompting
if necessary.

**ANCIENT LEGEND SAYS
THE BELLS HAVE BEEN
ASSOCIATED WITH THE
CESARANCE OF CHRIST**



**MAS SINCE BIRTH OF
CHRIST WHEN ALL THE
EARTH'S BELLS RANG IN
CELEBRATION OF THE
NATIVITY.**

Subscribe for the Avalanche

Friendly Greetings
to You
at Christmas



SALES 5c to \$1.00 STORE

With
best wishes
for
Christmas
and the coming
year



JANSEN PLUMBING SERVICE

**"THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS
AND THE U. S. A."**

Abraham Lincoln is considered the "Great Emancipator"
is so-called by the historians. The "Greatest Emancipator"
all time however, was the Christchild whose life and death
both in the cause of the "dignity of man". This is also rec-
orded in history, by the greatest of historians, the Apostles.

It is felt that the following thoughts recorded by an un-
known man whose skin may have been black, yellow, or white,
worth presenting as we observe the birthday of the "Great
Emancipator", Jesus Christ.

"You want to know what Freedom is, son? It's an idea,
great idea that's taller than the Rockies, mightier than the
Mississippi, broader than the whole USA!"

"Freedom's an idea that you and I are important, just be-
cause we're people."

"Freedom's the right to read, to learn, to think, to make
the most and best of our lives."

"Freedom's your Mom and you and me, strolling to church
on a shining Sunday morning."

"Freedom's the right to call our home our own; or to pull
up stakes tomorrow and head out somewhere else if we
choose."

"Freedom's the reason we figure on seeing friends when
our doorbell rings at night; it's the right to live without
fear hanging 'round all the corners of our world."

"Freedom's the whopping-big arguments you hear about
how this country oughta be run. It's all the free ideas
about everything under the sun, being swapped on our
streets, over our coffee, in our newspapers."

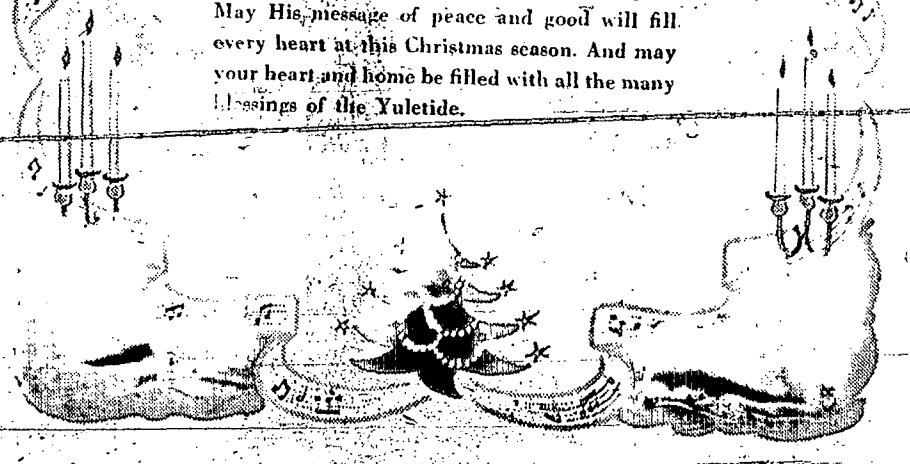
"That's Freedom, son; it's life as we figure the CREATOR
intended us to live it. And remember... just as long
as we keep wanting Freedom, thinking Freedom—deserv-
ing Freedom—nothing in this whole wide world could
ever take it away from us!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
JOHN H. PETERSON



Christmas Greetings

May His message of peace and good will fill
every heart at this Christmas season. And may
your heart and home be filled with all the many
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Santa Claus Drawing This Saturday For Kiddies Gift

Vikings-Raiders Battle For First Place Here Friday

Grayling Trips Mancelona, Gaylord For Loop Lead With Charlevoix

Reserves Drop Two Games By Close Scores

A show down battle for the lead in the Northern Class C. Conference at least for over the holidays will take place in the Grayling high gym this Friday evening as the two teams now tied for the lead clash head on. The Charlevoix Red Raiders boasting a record of four wins, no loss record in the Grayling Vikings will battle it out on the local hardwood to determine who will stay on top in the league who will slide down.

Charlevoix advanced this past week with a 59 to 36 win over Pelton on Tuesday and a surprising 55 to 44 victory over Boyne City on Friday. Grayling tripped up Mancelona 53 to 38 on Tuesday and dropped the Gaylord Blue Devils with a last second field goal 55 to 53. By comparison scores, the two teams appear quite even in strength. Both defeated Gaylord by 2 points.

Eagles Win Fifth Loop Game, 57-30

The Fredrick Eagles continued their domination over the Antism County D League as they rode roughshod over the Elie Lake last Friday night by a 57 to 30 score. Fredrick took a slight 9 to 8 edge over the Elie Lakers in the first quarter and managed a 21 to 18 halftime lead. The big birds went to work in the third quarter showing work under fire. Lake by a 22 to 14 margin and held a 14 to 10 mark at the final period.

Brace Welch hit for 22 points for the victors and John Valente played his first varsity game and scored through with 14 big points. Coach Dick Ebert of the Eagles led short two starters via the inside route. Alfie Hummel added 8, Lewis Johnson 6, Paul Baile 3 and Wayne Winston and Bill Johnson 2 each. Dupie with 18 topped the Lakers scoring.

The Elie team game as the season raver, the Fredrick misses took a 30 to 21 trouncing. The Elie Lake girls took an early lead and never relinquished it. The only quarter where Fredrick had a 2 to 1 edge was the third which they led 16 to 9. Becky Swarthwood and Lorel Schmidt adding 10 and Nellie Armstrong 1. Ramsey with 15 points was top scorer for the Elie Lake girls.

Fredrick travels to Merritt this Friday night for their first non-conference game. The preliminary will be between the reserve teams of both schools.

Services Held For Infant

Gravestone services at Oakwood Cemetery in Fredrick were held December 12, Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for Valerie Robin Harmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harmer, born November 10, 1935. Valerie passed away suddenly at Gaylord on Tuesday, December 11. The Rev. John Wold officiated.

Those from out of town attending the services were Emory Craft, Sr. and Mrs. Robert Harner of Detroit, and Emory Craft, Jr., of Benton.

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Bob Hayes (left), Grayling Chamber of Commerce Secretary, recently presented this national trophy to Fred Bear, famous bowhunter and president of Grayling's Bear Archery Company, (second from left). Looking on are Charles D. Piper, (right) Bear Vice President, Howard H. Foxson, president of Paxson Advertising, Inc., of Benton Harbor, Michigan, responsible for the Bear advertising program.

In presenting this trophy and a second one to Bear, C. of C. Secretary Hayes acted officially for the First Advertising Agency Group, a coast-to-coast network of advertising firms who annually call in outside experts to judge their efforts. In 1935 entries were submitted from all over the nation and this year were judged by a panel of manufacturers and retailers in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

The statuette shown here was awarded for excellence of the Bear advertising program, the first Bear trophy awarded, was received by Bear for its 1935 catalog, rated tops among all catalogs competing regardless of type.

(Photo taken in Bear Archery Trophy Room).



"One Solitary Life" is the title of the most remarkable Christmas card ever received by the Jack Pine household. It came from John H. Peterson of Grayling, and is beautifully bound and printed. A perfect addition to any home's library. It goes like this:

"Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He was a carpenter and until he was thirty and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He has no credentials but himself. While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries wide have come and gone, and yet he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parades that ever reined, put together, have not affected the life of man so much as this with as has that One Solitary Life."

O. E. S. and Masons Hold Christmas Party

About 75 people attended the Eastern Star and Masons' family Christmas party Saturday night, December 18th. A very nice hot lunch supper was enjoyed, followed by a program which was planned and directed by Miss Judy Larson.

Shirley, Sharon and Sherry Madsen sang "Prose the Snowman." Janet Rowland spoke "In Far Off Judea." Carole Gross played on her accordion. "Whispering Hope." Jean Holcomb sang "C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s," followed by "Silent Night" sung by the whole group. Led by Mrs. Van Smith, with Judy Larson at the piano, Santa was on hand to present the children with boxes of candy.

The kitchen committee did a fine job, chairmanned by Mrs. Forrest Anna, who was assisted by Mrs. Burton McWilliams, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith.

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ST. FRANCIS MISSION TO HOLD XMAS EVE SERVICE

St. Francis Episcopal Mission will hold a Christmas Eve service at 8:00 p. m. on December 24th, at their usual meeting place, the Grayling Evangelical Lutheran Church. Bobby Jorgensen will sing, and music will be provided. There will also be service, as usual at 1:30 p. m. on Sunday.

Kiwanis Club Notes

On Monday night, members of the Kiwanis Club, adjourned to the Shoppengans Inn and boxed gifts of clothing and toys for distribution on Christmas Eve for underprivileged children in the area.

Members of the Women's Club had previously wrapped the gifts of clothing and the Kiwanians made up the clothing and appropriate toys. Five members of the Grayling Kiwanis Club met with the Grayling Club Monday night for an interclub meeting.

Top Name Band Set For Event

Hal McIntyre Band To Play For Winter Queen's Ball

One of the brightest stars on the musical horizon is Hal McIntyre, young, personable, saxophonist and band leader, whose MGM records and jam packed personal appearances have made him a standout. Hal McIntyre and his band have been selected to play at the Miss Michigan Winter Queen's Ball at Grayling on Saturday, February 9th.

The only leader of major ranking to have gone overseas for USO work is Hal McIntyre. He is now in the service of the United States Army, and is a weekly half-hour show on a local radio station. His band attained local popularity and Hal was known as an ace man with the alto-sax and clarinet. Things were going great for Hal, according to his diary when, on December 8, 1938...

Bear Holding Sales Meeting

Sixteen salesmen from all over the United States arrived in Grayling last Saturday and Sunday to attend a meeting held by the Bear Archery Company.

The men, all salesmen for Bear, will discuss products and planning for the 1937 season with production department officials and salesmen from the visiting salesmen at a windup dinner banquet at the Lake Valley Resort on Tuesday evening. The group was housed at the Triangle Motel.

Mac Miller was the featured speaker of the Paxton Advertising Agency who handles Bear's advertising and promotion program for 1937 was also discussed.

Mr. Hope Lutheran School To Hold Service

The children of Mt. Hope Lutheran Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas Service on Sunday, December 23rd, at 4:30 p. m. The children's program entitled "Light A Candle For The Savior" will carry the congregation back in spirit through the centuries to the birth of the Savior to the fulfillment of this prophecy and the birth of the Christ-child.

Immediately following the program all children present will receive a Christmas gift from the congregation. Light refreshments will then be served by the ladies of the church. The public is invited to join the children and their parents at the Christmas program.

Christmas Day church service will be held at Mt. Hope church on December 25th, at 11:15 A. M. The Christmas message "The Wonderful Babe of Bethlehem" will be presented by the church's wonderful person and wonderful work.

The choir will sing appropriate Christmas music at both the Children's program and the Christmas Day service. "Celebrate the anniversary of Christ's birth in God's House and make your Christmas holiday one of lasting joy and happiness."

(See our advertisement on page 8, second section.)

Michaelson Memorial Church News

On Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:00 p. m. the Michaelson Memorial Sunday School will present the annual Christmas Program. The entire Children's Division will participate in a program of songs, a film strip bearing the title, "O, Holy Night." Following this, the White Gift Offering for the Methodist Children's Home will be received, then the worship service. Bible readings and carols will be sung. The program will be presented by the Youth Division. During this more adult portion of the program, the children from Nursery, through the Third Grade will sing carols in the church's living room, after which Santa Claus will make his annual appearance to distribute Christmas goodies prepared by the Men's Club.

The regular church-hourly service for the entire evening, and anyone wishing to leave their little ones while attending the program will be able to do so.

WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

Dec. 19 - Mary Ruth Circle Christmas party at Mrs. Alvin Daser's. For rides meet at A. J. Trudeau's by 7:30 p. m.

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Dec. 20 - Our Gang Christmas party at Legion Hall. 6:30 dinner. Bring a Christmas gift.

Dec. 23 - Cantata "The Gift," presented by R. L. D. S. choir, at the church. 8 P. M.

Methodist Couples Club New Years Eve party at the church at 8 P. M. Ladies bring box lunch for yourself and partner. All organizations in the church welcome.

"Let's Finish the Job"

Professional Education - March of Dimes must continue to finance training of research personnel, physicians, nurses, physical therapists and others urgently needed to fight polio and other diseases. Modern treatment requires more professional hands and skills to help victims recover. Let's Finish the Job!

"The 1937 March of Dimes"

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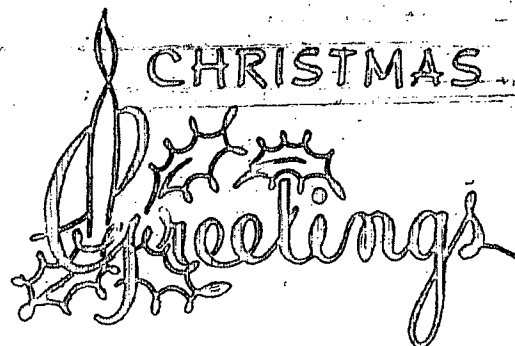
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OUR FRIENDS AND A HAPPY AND
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Bits O' Talk

Mrs. Ole Williamson drove to
Linwood Tuesday of last week on
business.
Mrs. Holger Schmidt left Mon-
day to spend the winter in Detroit
with her brother, Ray Owen.
Miss Jane Brush and Miss Jean
Rasmussen were in Saginaw Sat-
urday before last. They were ac-
companied home by Miss Delores
Lamotte, who spent the week end
with her parents, the Middle La-
Mottes.

Have her diamond remounted
for Christmas this year at Davis
Jewelry.
Miss Shirley Rasmussen re-
turned from Washington, D. C.,
the first of the month, and is em-
ployed in Traverse City.

Mrs. Glen Fenton and daugh-
ter, Peggy, accompanied Mrs. Carl
E. Johnson to Midland Wednes-
day of last week to spend the day.
Mrs. Clarence Roberts, sons,
Mike and Don, spent Wednesday
of last week in Kingsley, visiting
the former's mother, Mrs. George
Smith. The Roberts spent Sun-
day in Onaway visiting his
mother, Mrs. Oscar Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brownwell
have left to spend the winter at
their farm in West Branch.
Mrs. Thane Hendershot was in
Roscommon on business Wednes-
day of last week.

William Hoffman was in
Owosso Monday and Tuesday on
business.
Rex Hunter of Michigan State
U. arrived home for the term and
Christmas holidays Tuesday of
last week.

Derek McEvers of CMC at Mt.
Pleasant arrived home Friday to
spend the holidays.

Charles Stoddard returned to
his duties at the Grayling Laundry
last week after being hospitalized
for an operation November 28th.
Harold Short was in Lansing
Tuesday.

Among the students at Central
Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant
home to visit their parents for the
Christmas holidays are Marvin
Bielski, Joanne Andrews, Hans
Andrews, Roger Kessler, James
Klein, Mary Jane Wakeley and
Bob Lovely.

To taxpayers in Maple Forest
Township, I am living at 709
Park St. in Grayling. Will take
in taxes there, or send by mail
to Route 1, Frederic, Mich. Pearl
Babbitt, Treasurer.

Her diamond ring be remounted
while you wait at Davis Jewelry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Deckrow
left December 15th to spend
Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Axel
Peterson in Plattsmouth, Neb.

They stopped in Lansing for an
overnight visit with Mr. and Mrs.
Perry Wells, and in Toledo for an
overnight stay with Mr. and Mrs.
Jerry Barner, before continuing
on to Nebraska.

Davis Jewelry store have ap-
plied new siding on the upper
portion of the building.

Mrs. Donald Wood visited her
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond
Eisey, in Detroit from Wednesday
until last Friday.

The Q. C. Club met Saturday,
December 8th, at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Hurl Deckrow. The
hostess served an excellent chick-
en dinner. Gifts were exchanged
among the group. Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Lovely won the door
prizes.

Mrs. Eugene Papendick visited
her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin
Gray, at Fife Lake Sunday a week
ago.

The Ole Williamsons are in-
stalling new aluminum siding on
their home on Cedar St.

Week end guests of the Fred
Parks were her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Luther Eagle of Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson
enjoyed a week's vacation visit-
ing their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack
Richardson in Cleveland, Ohio.

They also spent some time with
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Cocking in
Oxford. Mr. Richardson returned
a few days before Mrs. Richard-
son, who stopped in East Lansing
on her return Tuesday of last
week to pick up her daughter,
Mary, who is home from MSU for
the Christmas holidays.

Jack Fowler enjoyed a week's
vacation from his duties at Cas-
lac Overall Supply Co., last week
and with Mrs. Fowler and their
children, Mike, Ricky and Mary,
left Wednesday evening and spent
until Sunday visiting Mrs. Fow-
ler's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
Bottimer and family in Bay City.

A birthday party for Tommy
Welsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Walsh, was held Sunday, Decem-
ber 9th, at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Hurl Deckrow. Present for
the occasion were Leads DuBois
and Miss Jaynie Beebow, of Vas-
sar.

Lake Margrethe Water Level

(Information furnished by U. S.
Geological Survey)
Period of record, Nov. 12, 1942
to date:
Water level, Dec. 13, '56, 1134.05
ft.
Water level, Dec. 13, '55, 1134.33
ft.
Maximum level for period of
record, April 5, 1943, 1135.39 ft.
Minimum level for period of
record, Sept. 24-27, 1949, 1133.57
ft.

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A FRIEND... WHEN
HE DECIDES TO
SEND...
(MERRY XMAS)



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May you be blessed
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As you make ready for the Holy Christmas
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and graces in abundance fill the days that
are to follow.

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At this radiant season

of good cheer when

everyday cares are

overshadowed by good

fellowship and kind

thoughts, we sincerely

extend to you our

Best wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

PLAZA BAR

May the joy that once

filled Bethlehem

be echoed in your

heart

NORTH END GROCERY

CORA MEECH

And a Star

Shone in the

Heavens

The shepherds and the wise men came to

worship Him, the holy Babe of Bethle-

hem. May the spirit of that long ago time

be with you this Christmas.

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Bits O' Talk

A group of Grayling young peo-
ple representing the Grayling Zion
church met with the Grayling Zion
League Tuesday night, December
11, for a fellowship service. The
group consisted of Kay and Ed
Durga, Linda Leslie, Larry and
Richard Yoder, youth director,
Mrs. Bernard Fowler, Bob Sun-
day, Linda Brigham, Susie and
Steve Olson, Jack Bindschattel,
Danny Newberry and Fred Turner.
Lunch was served by the
Grayling group prior to the
friendship circle, which ends the
meetings. A good time was en-
joyed by all.

The Wednesday Bridge Club
met last week for their Christmas
party at the home of Mr. Joseph
Stripe. A 50c limit set on gifts
for exchange resulted in some
very original and lastingly re-
sults. First prize was won by
Mrs. Harry Souders, who was high
scorer and also winning prize
winner by Mrs. Memo Corwin.
Second prize was won by Mrs. Tom Welsh,
consolation prize winner. The
next party will be January 9th
with Mrs. Dale Pettengill.

Floyd Davis has installed a
galeometer on top of the Davis
Jewelry Store. The device regis-
ters the wind velocity and direc-
tion on a box located beside the
clock in the store window.

Mrs. Grover Cason is a new em-
ployee at Barber's Mens Shop.
For television repair or antenna
service Phone 34217. Corliss
Stamply at Dick's Sport Shop.

Mrs. Richard DuBois entertain-
ed ten boys and girls at a birthday
party for her son, Steve on Sun-
day. Steve will be on Christ-
mas Day. Cream and cake fin-
ished up an afternoon of fun and
games, and Steve received some
very nice gifts to mark the oc-
casion.

Miss Karen Rasmussen arrived
home from Western Michigan Col-
lege at Kalamazoo Wednesday to
spend the holidays with her par-
ents, the Elmer Rasmussens.

Steve Smith, son of Capt. and
Mrs. Phil Smith, enlisted in the
National Guard on December 4th.

Capt. Phil Smith returned last
Thursday from a six-day attend-
ance of the 5th Army maintenance
conference at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee Hull spent
Saturday a week ago in Boyne
City, visiting Mrs. Adelaide Fin-
dall and Mrs. Cora Myers, Mrs.
Hull's aunts. Mrs. Hull left the
next day to spend until last
Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Allen
Philbrick in West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear return-
ed Friday from an overnight visit
in Owosso with Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Woodward. While there Mr. Bear
entertained the employees of the
Lee Woodward and Sons Wrought
Iron Co., at their annual Christ-
mas party. He showed movies of
his African trip, on which Mr.
Woodward was a companion.

The Bear Archery Company
held its annual sales meeting in
Grayling Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday. About 17 salesmen
from all over the U. S. were pres-
ent.

Archdeacon Parks of the Dio-
cese of Michigan was in Grayling
recently to meet with some of the
members of the Bishop's Commit-
tee concerning the organization of
the St. Francis parish here.

Chamber of Com- merce Minutes

November 28, 1956
Members present: Hoffman,
Hines, Carlson, Strong, Wolff and
Joseph.

Members absent: Williamson,
Post and Bond.

The meeting was opened by
Vice President Wolff at 8:10 P. M.
Motion by Strong and seconded
by Carlson that the minutes of the
last meeting be accepted.

Ayes: All.

Treasurer report given by
Treasurer Hoffman.
Motion by Carlson and seconded
by Strong that the treasurer's re-
port be accepted as read and that
all bills be paid.

Discussion of Winter Sports.
Explanation by Carlson as to
breakdown EMTA Winter Sports
Council budget and how money is
collected.

Motion by Hoffman and seconded
by Strong that a letter of
thanks be written to Spike and
The Sportsman's Club in apprecia-
tion of the successful promotion of
the deer hunter's meat sale.

Ayes: All.

Discussion of Spike McNeven's
proposal of a snow sculpture dis-
play at city park near water tower
by school students to be lighted by
city. Frank Bond to be chairman
and to take this proposal to stu-
dent council Thursday, November
29.

Motion by Strong and seconded
by Joseph that the secretary's
mileage be paid.

Ayes: All.

Board instructed secretary-
manager contact Cadillac regard-
ing their booklet of their area.
Motion by Bond and seconded
by Joseph that the meeting be ad-
journed.

Ayes: All.

R. M. Hayes,
Secretary-Manager

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ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC.

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1:00 P. M.

Children from three years old and children up to
the 5th grade from the Frederic School, Lovell,
and Frederic Townships.

1:45 P. M.

Children from three years old and children up to
the 5th grade from Feldhauser, Beaver Creek,
Branch School Districts and Townships.

2:30 P. M.

Children 3 and 4 years old and their mothers from

3:15 P. M.

Kindergarten, first and second grades from Grayling

4:00 P. M.

Third, fourth and fifth grades from Grayling-S

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GRAYLING PHONE 4128
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MILLIKIN BROTHERS—Floyd and Leroy. Grayling building, 6 miles south of Grayling on M-76. Apr. 15-57

FOR SALE—Bottle gas for all needs; cooking, heating, hot water and refrigeration. We do not charge a deposit on cylinders. Come in and see us. Fuelgas Co., Inc., formerly Weaver's Bottle Gas or call 3881, Grayling. 6-13-57

FOR SALE—Used refrigerators, ranges and freezers. Mosher Refrigeration, 513 Cedar Street. Phone 2476. 8-3-57

FOR REAL ESTATE SEE DOYLE
IN GRAYLING
W. H. CORNELL, Mgr.
505 Lake St. Phone 2821
Other Offices In
GAYLORD, LEWISTON
and PETOSKEY

FOR SALE—OLIVER 60 TRACTOR—with full mounted buzz saw—on rubber starter and lights. Good condition. Reasonable price. Call at Bud's Standard Service, Lovells. 11-15-57

HOUSEWORK BY THE DAY—Wanted—Glady's O'Connor, Star Route, Grayling. 12-20-57

FOR SALE—Second cutting Alfalfa for deer or rabbits. 90c a bale. Wm. Love, 9 miles south Grayling. 1 mile east. 12-20-57

FOR SALE—Willis 52 Aroo Lark, radio, heater, new tires. A good buy. \$325.00. Thomas B. Taylor, Waters, Mich. 12-20-57

EXPERIENCED HANDY MAN—Carpenter work, small job, large job. Earl Nelson, 3 miles West on M-72 or Box 453, City. 12-20-57

LOST—PARKER Pen 51, lost by Wayne Dutton. Finder please return to Mrs. Dutton, 315 R. R. Reserve St. Reward. Please. 12-20-57

WILL DO IRONINGS—Phone 3947.

OFFICE GIRL WANTED—Phone 3971 for appointment. 12-20-57

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any credit contracted for by anyone other than myself. Alice Pratt. 12-20-57

FOR RENT—Warm four room house, water, electricity. Herb Ferguson, RFD, Grayling. 20-27-57

FOR SALE—Nearly new Cleary manual cash register. Write Jack Hull, 170 N. Updyke, Pontiac or call Mrs. Frank Snider, Grayling. 4120. 20

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LAND CONTRACT FOR SALE with \$1200.00 discount. For details contact Leo E. Lovely, Phone 3911. 20-27-57

BABY SITTING WANTED during Christmas vacation. Phone 2801. 20

FOR RENT—NEW 2-BEDROOM modern apartment. Phone 4589. 12-20-57

FOR SALE—4-DOOR '51 FORD Custom, \$350. Good condition, Radio, Heater and good rubber. V.A. 1-6243, Herbert Glidden Jr. Higgins Lake, Mich. 20

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I would like to thank Drs. Rodda and Henig, and the entire staff of Mercy Hospital for their kind services and also friends and neighbors for the many cards and flowers.
Mrs. Cora Meech

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LEGAL NOTICE

Bridge Carrying M-72 (Reclamation) Over South Branch of the AuSable River 1.542 miles East of Grayling, in Crawford County.
Project, M. B. of 20-6-22, C. I. R. (20022).

Net classification required for this project is 17 F.

Sealed proposals for the construction of this project will be received from contractors having 1955 Michigan State Highway Department prequalifications in the Small Auditorium, Civic Center, Lansing, Michigan, until 10:30 A. M. Wednesday, January 9, 1957, and will then be publicly opened and read.

Proposals may be mailed to the Contract-Estimate Office, 715 Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing, Michigan.

The work will consist of the construction of a reinforced concrete and steel bridge; a limited amount of approach grading; drainage structures; and incidental work.

Completion date for entire project July 31, 1958.

The Department's Standard Specifications (1950 Edition), its current Solls Manual, the plans for this project, the special provisions governing the project and the employment and use of labor, and the proposal blanks (all of which are essential parts of the contract) may be examined at the district office of the Department, at Alpena, Michigan, and at the Michigan Road Builders Association, Lansing, Michigan, but may be obtained only at the office of the Contract-Estimate Engineer, 715 Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing, Michigan, up to 5:00 P. M. of the day preceding the opening of bids. A fee of three dollars will be charged for furnishing plans or proposal blanks, which will not be refunded.

Full cooperation in carrying out the special provisions will be required. Minimum wage paid to labor employed on this contract shall be as outlined in the proposal.

A Certified or Cashier's Check, Bank Money Order, or Certificate of Deposit, properly endorsed, on an open, solvent bank, in the sum of \$8,500.00, payable to Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, must accompany each proposal. All such checks will be returned promptly after the bidding, except that of the lowest bidder, which will not be returned until execution and delivery of the contract to the State Highway Department.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES M. ZIEGLER
State Highway Commissioner
Dated: 12-12-56
Lansing, Michigan
GWT:ag

In Answer To Phineas T. Appleby's Letter
(Overseas Relief)
Starving children, we care, And our pennies we share. Mommies and Daddies do Get cold and hungry too. A little goes so far. Let's start a 'penny jar' (By Esther Hall)

Dear Tommy, Vera, Gail, Wanda, Rickie, Gregg, Warren, Carlene, Stevie, Sherry, Shelly.

Yesterday I bought all of your Christmas presents from money which Gramma gives me. I can hold it in one hand, but you can't hold it in yours, nor put it under your Christmas tree! This letter is all you will see about it. I sent a dollar for each of you, and one extra, making \$ to CARE.

You see, there are starving children overseas who have no Christmas. We don't have everything we want, but we have food, clothes, warm homes, and toys, so we should think of these poor people, where War has been, and is; and wrecked their homes and lands.

I'm going to write out 3 problems for you about the dollar you sent to the United Nations (UN), and this arithmetic packs more wallop than that of the Good Old Days!

1. \$1 to UN will buy 95 children a glass of milk for 7 days—How many glasses of milk will your \$ buy? How many will a penny buy?

2. \$1 will feed a family of 4 for one month. How long will the \$12 feed them?

3. Start at New Year's and save 2 pennies a day from your allowance, and before next Christmas you will have: 2 pennies x 50 weeks = pennies or \$

But we don't want to wait a whole year before we help them. Let's come to the dollar you sent to the United Nations (UN), and this arithmetic packs more wallop than that of the Good Old Days!

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Mercy Hospital News

Among the patients of Mercy Hospital this week were Louise Boger, John Galloway, Helen Hatfield, John Magnuson and Lewis Ziebell of Grayling; Robert Harwood, Harold Kingsley, and Martin Richmond of Roscommon; Ida Adolphson, and Ann Wiley, of Houghton Lake; Ermine Schaller and Clifford Wilbur of Pruden; Nina Hooker, of Atlanta; Ruth Clinton of Lewiston; Mary Garver of Gladwin; Harold Galloway of Oak Park; Emma Hartwig of Luzerne; Lella Pavey and Nellie Tripett of Kalkaska; and Robert Thayer of Gilchrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gierke had a son, Rex Allen, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz., born December 14. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gierke and Roy Johnson of Grant are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Abbateello had a daughter, April Laurie, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz., born December 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Abbateello of the Bronx, N. Y., and Mrs. Elberta Lutz are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ostling of Roscommon had a daughter born December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hergenroder of Gaylord had a daughter born December 14.

Frederic news

BY Mrs. Harry Horton
Mrs. Maude Shorts has been spending some time at the Ace Leng home.

The Mom's Club annual Christmas party was a great success and everyone present enjoyed the delicious supper and social hour and looking forward to a good time next year.

A good number of basketball fans attended the basketball games at Fife Lake Friday night. Our boys won their fifth straight league game. Keep it up boys you are doing fine.

Our annual Christmas program will be held this Sunday evening at the church at 7:30 p. m. Every one welcome.

I will be in the Township Hall from 2 to 4 Saturday afternoon, to collect taxes. Kenneth Burkhardt.

Those having birthdays this past week were little Brian Pratt son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pratt and Ronnie Lynn Allen, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen. They were two years old on December 15th.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Lodge and Mrs. Elroy Barber drove to Perryburg, Ohio, Friday to pickup Elroy Barber who had misfortune to smash a finger on his right hand.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nowlin accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Anna Nowlin, were in town Saturday to visit his sister and family for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Armstrong of Mt. Pleasant spent a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Alfred Armstrong.

Mrs. Almira Smock received word her brother William Yettow, of Elk Rapids, passed away at the Meadowbrook Hospital in Baltimore. Funeral was held last Monday morning.

Brownie Christmas Party
Twenty girls met in the Town Hall. All seated around well decorated tables and sang "Silent Night". A poem, "God's Gift" was read. Prayer was then offered after which we sang "Away In A Manger".

Linda Weaver, Sherry Demone, Sandy Middleton, Linda Hopkins, Judy Weaver, Beverly Demone, Vickie McBoeth, Janet Perkins and Allen Kellogg all received a gift and one of our Sock Dolls. All the rest of our Brownies received a gift from their leader, Janis Johnson received a special little gift for being a fine president for the past three months.

For your Christmas savings, 25% off on all watches and bands. Smock & Son, 201 Park St., Grayling.

Judy Weaver received a special gift for the best decorated lunch box and Sherry Montchow, honorable mention. All boxes certainly looked lovely.

Thank you dear girls for all your lovely gifts to your leader. Thank you, last, leader, Mrs. Carl Johnson who so willingly helped to make our party a real success.

A poem, "Twelve" was then read and our party was over for another Christmas.

Brownie Mootings
Brownie meeting was called to order Dec. 11th by our president with the singing of "Christmas Carols." "The Shoe Cobbler" was then told by the Scout Leader. Roll call was answered by "Good deeds" for the week. Lord's Prayer was then recited by all. We then sang, "Into My Heart" very ably.

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Legion Auxiliary News
The American Legion Auxiliary No. 106 held its regular business meeting and Christmas party at the Legion Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 11. Members and one guest were present. One new member was accepted into the Auxiliary. Alice Smith turned in her resignation as first vice-president as she has moved away. Jerry Muth was elected to fill her place. A luncheon and pinocle were played. Bunko were won by high and pinocle, Marie Quinn and Jean Thompson. The pinocle was won by Marie Quinn and Jean Thompson. The pinocle was won by Marie Quinn and Jean Thompson. The pinocle was won by Marie Quinn and Jean Thompson.

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Eldie Jansen, Rachel Kitchen, Margaret Balch.
The next meeting will be a business meeting on January 8, 1937. Margaret M. Balch, Publicity Chairman.

CHOWDER HELD FOR THE
A miscellaneous chowder was given Monday night of last week for the benefit of the Red Cross. Mrs. Edna McEvers was the hostess. About 32 friends and neighbors were present for the evening. Assisting Mrs. McEvers were Stephan, Mrs. Roy Wolcott, Mrs. John Schofield and Mrs. A. J. Stephan.

Crawford County Avelanche
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ALBERT WALTONEN SUCCUMBS

Albert Waltonen, 74 years old, passed away at the Hanna Nursing Home in Williamsburg, Mich., on Sunday, December 18, following a long illness. He was taken to the home on October 29. Mr. Waltonen was born August 6, 1862, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Waltonen in Milwaukee, Wis. He came to Crawford County in 1905, and worked in the lumber camps for the Kerry and Hanson families. In 1911 he became a member of the Lutheran church. He was married in 1911 to Helena Tuomimäki, nee Tompkins. His wife preceded him in death in 1933. He is survived by two sons, Arto of Bedford, Ohio, and Uno, of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 18, at the Sorenson Funeral Home, 222 E. Second St., at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Harold Knudsen officiated. Burial was in the Sorenson cemetery. A. L. Roberts, Emil Giegling, Jonas Wirtanen, Roy Wolcott, Matt Bidva and Peewee Gera, interment was at Elmwood Mausoleum.

SERVICES HELD FOR JOHN MOSER

Funeral services were held Monday at 8 a. m. at St. Mary's Church for John Moser, 78 years old, who passed away Friday, December 14, at his home on the Auble River. The Rev. Fr. Joseph Sakowicki officiated. Pallbearers were James Post, Robert Hayes, Clement Blaine, Otto Roshov, Charles Coles and Sigurd Reetz. Interment was in Elmwood Mausoleum.

Mr. Moser was born October 8, 1878, in Germany. He had lived in Grayling for the past thirty years, making his home at the Freida Lenartz landing on the main stream of the river. There were no known survivors.

MRS. MYRTIE STRAIN SUCCUMBS IN FLINT

Mrs. Myrtie Wilson Strain succumbed December 10th in Flint, following a heart attack. She had been suffering from a heart condition for about four years. Mrs. Strain, who was 54 years old, was born July 18, 1902, in Grayling, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson. They lived across from the school house. The family moved to Flint about 1916 where Myrtie was married to Gabriel Strain on October 3, 1918. To this union was born one son, Thomas. Mrs. Strain is survived by her husband, one son, two granddaughters, one grandson two weeks old. Mrs. Strain was the niece of Mrs. Hugh Oaks, formerly of Grayling, now of Clio. Funeral services were held in Flint on December 12th.

BITS O' TALK

Lt. George Schable, Jr., was in Lansing, yesterday, and today, Thursday, on business. During his absence, Mrs. Schable, entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Notter, under the auspices of the Lansing Chapter of the American Legion. Mrs. Schable is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dassen and is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. She attended the Red Wing hockey game in Detroit Saturday night.

Dr. L. L. Lucksted will be home Saturday from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Schable, who returned after spending a week with their daughter and family in Wyandotte. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gardner.

The Grayling restaurant will close Sunday evening, December 23rd, and reopen Monday morning, December 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klein of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with their parents, the Walter McKessels and the Robert Kleins. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cox Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harter of Newberry, who were enroute home from Saginaw where Mrs. Harter had undergone surgery at St. Lukes Hospital. Mr. Harter is Mrs. Cox's nephew.

The Ted Thompsons were in Lansing the first week in December, while Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Blanche Nelson, underwent surgery there. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clark during their stay, and attended a bon voyage party for Mr. and Mrs. John Ferris, who were to leave for Washington, D. C. that week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser were guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Fountain of Gaylord at a Shriners' Club Christmas and dinner party at the Indian River Inn at Indian River last Thursday night. About 125 guests were present for the dinner. Gifts were presented to all, with Mr. Feldhauser taking an active role in the distribution as the old gentleman with the red suit and white whiskers.

Your diamond can be put in a new mounting for a small cost at Davis Jewelry.

The Paul Feldhausers are living in Grayling, their house being located at the corner of Elm and Ionia streets.

Leo Guilmette, Supervisor of the Bureau of Social Aid, and Mrs. Grace Andrews, of a trip to Harrisville Wednesday of last week to attend an area meeting. Dale Pettengill and Miss Joanne Andrews were in Traverse City Monday.

Mrs. Homer King received word that her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Red Myers of Inkster, are the parents of a 7 lb. 5 oz. baby boy, born December 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Myers are the baby's grandparents.



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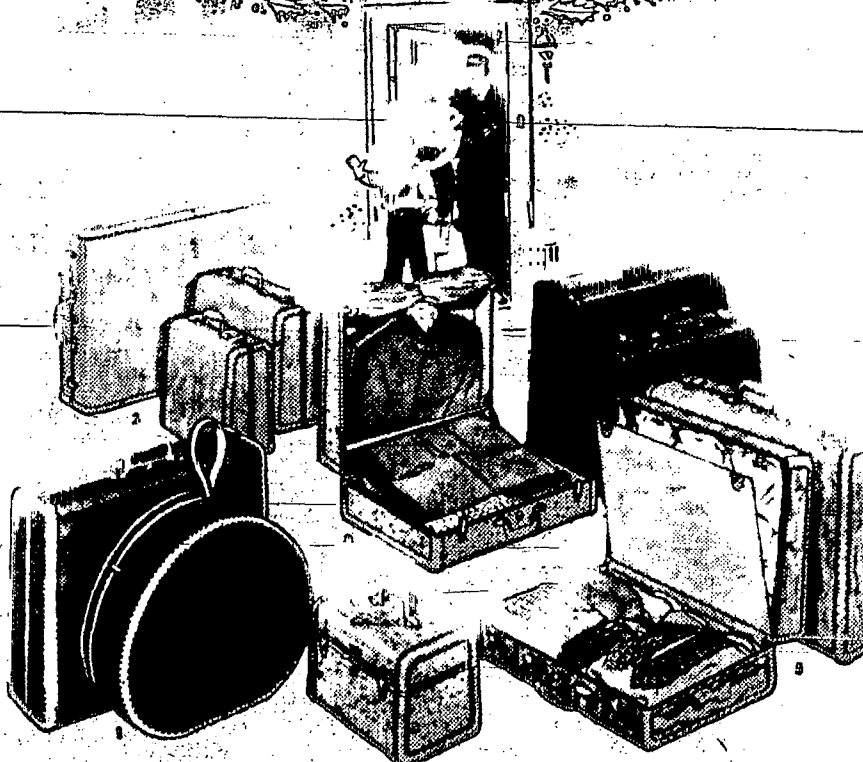
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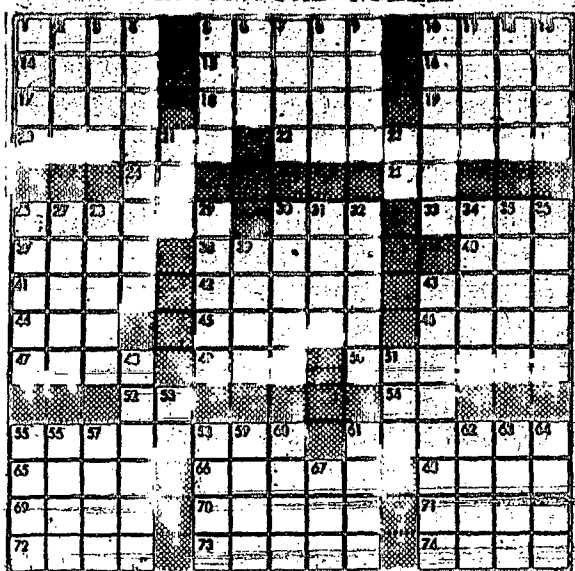
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PUZZLE No. 425

ACROSS

- 1 Kind of fish
- 2 Fleeced
- 3 Do
- 4 Word of sorrow
- 5 Indian boat
- 6 Italian coin (pl.)
- 7 Remainder
- 8 Century plant
- 9 Fern
- 10 Country
- 11 Drug
- 12 Child toy
- 13 "Mother" of
- 14 Symbol for helium
- 15 Part of foot, ball shoe (pl.)
- 16 Scribe
- 17 Narrow opening
- 18 To warm
- 19 Musical instrument
- 20 To anger
- 21 Alleviate
- 22 Writhe
- 23 Woe
- 24 An enzyme
- 25 To frighten
- 26 River of Siberia
- 27 Nerve
- 28 Combining form: foot
- 29 Fragments
- 30 Cooled lava
- 31 Correlative of either

DOWN

- 1 Mend by stitching
- 2 Appellation of Athens
- 3 Throw
- 4 Rule
- 5 Read
- 6 Old woman
- 7 Terra del Fuego
- 8 To wander
- 9 Regions
- 10 Employ
- 11 A seaport
- 12 Cereal grain
- 13 Crone
- 14 To swindle

ACROSS

- 27 Rent
- 28 Artist's stand
- 29 Involuntary muscle
- 30 Icelandic tales
- 31 Extraneous person
- 32 Small open bag to carry
- 33 Climbing
- 34 Lowest deck
- 35 Certain age group
- 36 Peruvian Indian

DOWN

- 27 A hedgehog
- 28 Small bag
- 29 Look alyk
- 30 To wash
- 31 German river
- 32 Muscular
- 33 Cover with
- 34 Of a period
- 35 Of a period
- 36 Powerful explosive

Answer to Puzzle No. 424

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Probate Court for the County of Crawford
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 10th day of December A. D. 1956.
Present: Honorable Beulah Neale, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Gordon A. Butman, Deceased.
Adelaide Butman having filed in said Court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to "Howard Brighton of Roscommon, Michigan or to some other suitable person."
It is Ordered, That the 31st day of December A. D. 1956 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Crawford County Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.
Beulah Neale, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Beulah Neale,
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Charles E. Moore,
Attorney,
Grayling, Mich. 12-20-56

Road Commissioners Minutes

November 23, 1956
A regular meeting of the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners was held in their office in Grayling. Meeting called to order by Comm. Richmond, Chairman. Members present: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Johnson, Comm. Corsaut and Eng'r Supt. Hull. Absent, none.
Voucher No. 2743A covering Payroll No. 24 and Vouchers No. 2744 to No. 2757 covering materials presented to the Board for its approval. Motion by Comm. Johnson supported by Comm. Corsaut that Voucher No. 2743A to 2757 be allowed and Warrants ordered drawn for their respective amounts. Motion carried by the following Yea vote: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Johnson, Comm. Corsaut, none. \$5,377.99
City of Grayling 56.77
Doubleday-Hunt-Dolan 20.30
Robert James Co. 69.60
Jensen Bridge & Sup. Co. 45.92
Stanley Lumber Co. 8.84
Leonard Refractories, Inc. 1,107.03
Saginaw Weld. Sup. Co. 280.35
Lyon Metal Prod. Inc. 1,820.18
Standard Oil Co. 55.73
Jack Bauman 12.15
Union Bldg. Co. 37.30
Walsh Mtr. Sales 8.38
Wolverine Tract. & Equip. 393.43
Uharley Russell (petty cash) 131.44
Minutes of last regular and intervening special meetings read and approved as read.
Motion by Comm. Corsaut supported by Johnson that Eng'r Supt. Hull be authorized to purchase new furniture for the office. The motion carried by the following Yea vote: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Johnson, Comm. Corsaut, Nays, none.
The Commissioners accompanied by Eng'r Supt. Hull made a trip of inspection over Beaver Creek, South Branch and Grayling Township roads.
After returning to their office a motion was made and supported to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.
M. M. RICHMOND-Chairman
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November 29, 1956
A special meeting held to attend the Northern Michigan Road Commission Clerks' meeting held at the Shoppenagons Inn in Grayling. Members present, Comm. Richmond, Comm. Corsaut, Eng'r Supt. Hull, Absent, Johnson.
After the meeting the Clerks were invited to visit the new office and stock room of the Crawford County Road Commission. After being hosts to the Clerks, a motion was made and supported to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.
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The Earle Equip. Co. \$2,400.00
The Miller Equip. Co. \$2,260.00
Optional Equip. 10 ft. box, 50.00
1 ft. box, 120.00
Power take-off not quoted.
Scientific Brake Co. \$1,808.26
Power take-off 97.36
3 cable control in cab to permit spot sanding 60.00
7" Flasher Lights \$1,978.37
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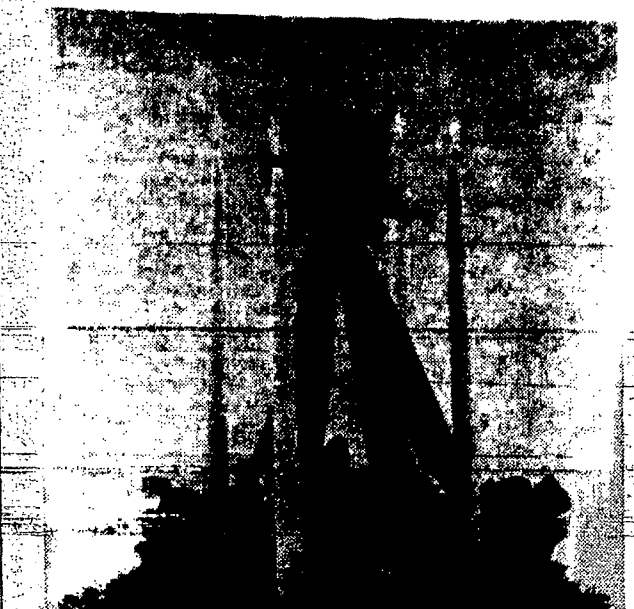
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Wayne State University Moves To Ease Michigan Doctor Shortage

A MOVE TO EASE MICHIGAN'S DOCTOR SHORTAGE is in the mill at Wayne State University. The school's Board of Governors is proposing an increase in medical student admission from 75 to 125 a year.

The plan, already approved by the Board, hinges on state allocation of additional operating funds for Wayne's medical college.

The most economical way to turn out 50 more doctors a year: While other plans call for the establishment of costly new facilities, the Wayne proposal requires only the money necessary for instruction, according to Dean Gordon H. Scott.

Both medical and non-medical groups are supporting the plan. The Michigan State Medical Society has endorsed the proposed increase.

Among the first of the non-medical groups in the state to urge the increased assistance to Wayne State is the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Clark L. Brody, the Bureau's executive vice president, recently announced that its membership adopted a resolution in support of the plan.

ANOTHER TRY TO PUT Michigan on daylight saving time may be made at the next meeting of the State Legislature.

Strangely enough, the current proposal, is said to have originated with a group of Detroit golfers who want an extra hour of daylight leisure in the evening.

Biggest objectors: Mothers who must round up the kids for bed while it's still daylight and farmers who appreciate the sun in the morning rather than at night.

ARE MICHIGAN RESIDENTS finally recognizing the danger? Safety experts are scratching their heads and crossing their fingers as they point out that traffic deaths in the state have turned downward for the first time in several years.

For the first 10 months of 1956, the road-death total is 429, a saving of 189 lives over the same period for 1955. Provisional figures for November indicate an estimated 50 less deaths for that month compared to a year ago.

The trend is nationwide. Deaths for 1956 traffic accidents are lower in almost every state, ruling out possible local factors. Safety officials hope their long campaign is bearing fruit.

More enforcement of moving traffic violations may be one of the factors promoting better driving. In Michigan the new speed limit, increased size of the State Police and a stepped-up enforcement policy are reflected in the year's traffic arrests.

For the first 10 months of 1956 State Police made 185,298 arrests for traffic violations—an increase of 47 per cent.

More than 200 lives saved—almost 2,000 lives lost. That's the way the state's traffic record is shaping up for the year. The improvement is good, but much remains to be done.

For 1957, the Michigan Citizens Traffic Safety Committee is urging every motorist in Michigan to sign a safe-driving pledge.

Windshield emblem—pledging motorists to drive with care will be distributed by gasoline dealers who are members of the Michigan Retail Gasoline Dealers Association. Some 5,000 trucks belonging to members of the Michigan Trucking Association are joining actively in the campaign and will display signs reading "Take the Pledge. Drive With Care."

The Committee warns that the winter months bring dangerous driving conditions and is asking

the cooperation of every motorist in cutting down the death toll.

THE STATE MAY NEED ITS own Navy to settle the latest controversy in its home waters. Under attack is a business venture new to Michigan, the "hotel" or floating hotel.

At the request of Gerald M. Eddy, director of the Michigan Conservation Department, the attorney general's office is seeking an injunction against the first float—the S. S. Western States, docked at Tawas City.

The question: Do floating hotels moored permanently in water above state held lands violate the law?

State officials believe there is a violation. Submerged land under the Great Lakes is controlled by the Conservation Department, according to an 1899 law. One of the requirements: Protect the public interest.

The request for an injunction to prevent the operation of the S. S. Western States is based on the assumption that the ship is not for navigation. If not, it may be permanently and unlawfully occupying submerged lands in violation of the public interest.

Tawas City officials want the "hotel" to stay. The city council entered into a five-year contract to moor the ship at a public park dock. Water and sewer connections "let the float to shore."

State officials fear that with "good" commercial land becoming scarce in Michigan, an uncontrolled number of floats would eventually line the shores of popular lake resort areas unless the question is cleared up soon. They point out that all Michigan residents have the right to use the Great Lakes.

The final answer is in the hands of the admirals—oops, judges in the Michigan courts.

From Where Come Christmas Trees?

Like so many other Christmas customs, the origin of the tree tradition is not definitely known.

One theory holds that the 6th-century missionary Boniface persuaded the Tatars to transfer their worship of Odin, sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child.

Popular legend has it that the first Christmas tree originated in Egypt where the first trees used were palm trees. Another story says that Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow.

We do know the Germans did much to popularize the use of Christmas trees, introducing them into both England and America.

The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, started the custom in England when he had a tree for his young daughter. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with Hasolan mercenaries during the American Revolution.

Early Germans named the cuttings barbed tree parasites used as a Yule-time decoration "Yule-trees," meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Noridics dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.

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Greeting Cards Christmas Gift Of Englishman

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1843 by Henry Cole, a middle-class Englishman and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as a knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithography. Although the cards met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

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